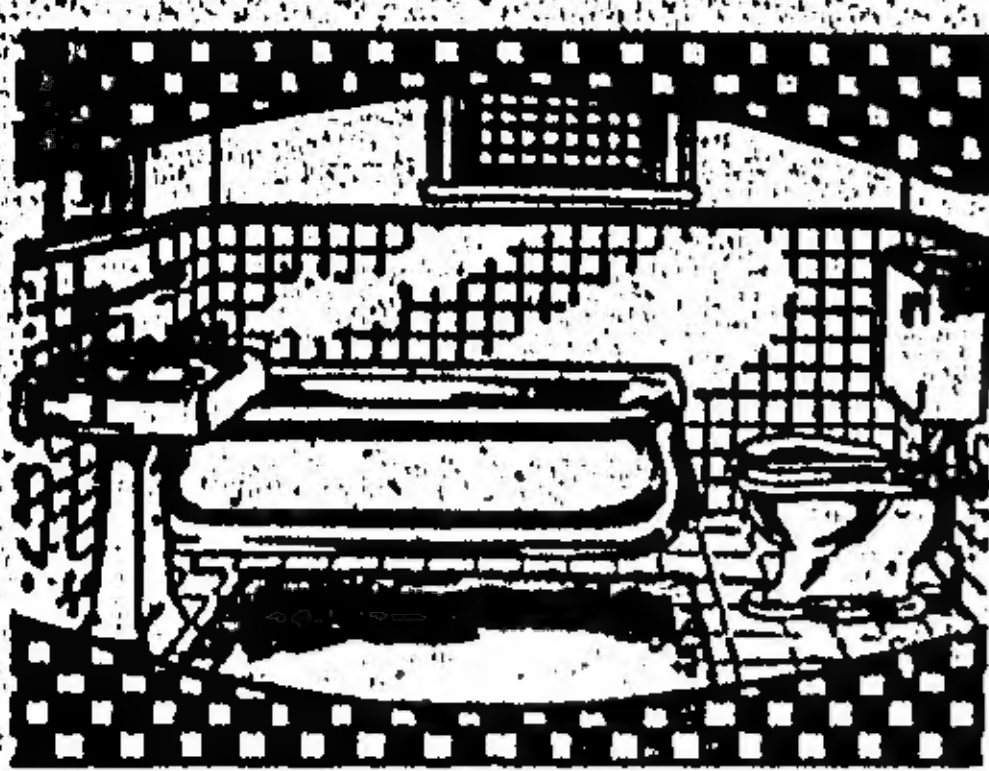


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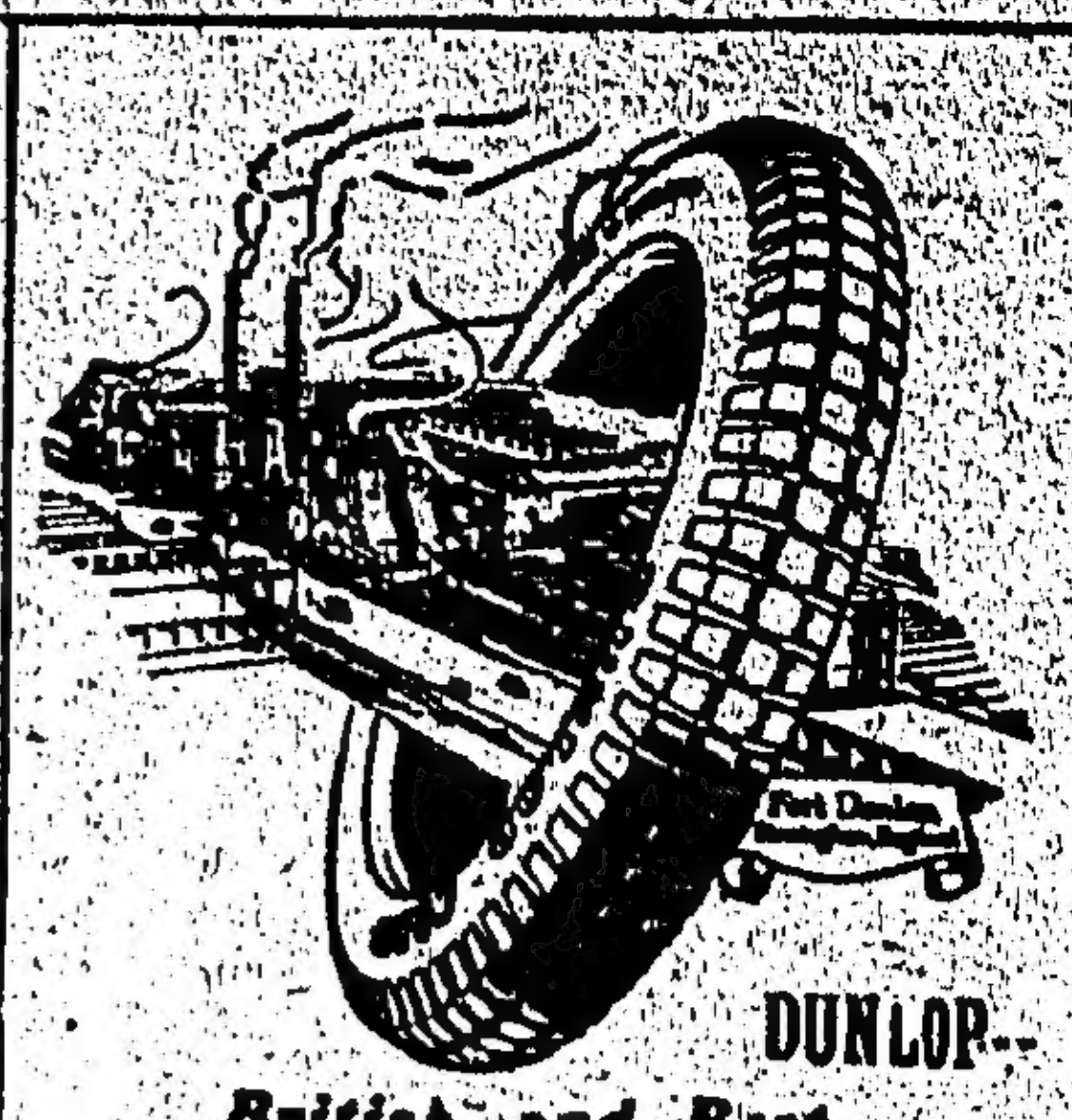
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IMPASSIONED PLEA BY MR. BREWER.

DRAMATIC CLIMAX IN HIS ADDRESS TO JURY.

DESCRIBED MR. UDY AS A GIFT FROM HEAVEN.

"I AM NOT A CRIMINAL."

An impassioned plea for a favourable verdict was the dramatic climax to Mr. Instone Brewer's address to the jury on his own behalf, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

"You have it in your power, gentlemen of the jury," he said, "by one word to make me a condemned criminal, to make me a pariah and an outcast, to deprive me of my name, reputation, friends, personal liberty and everything that makes life worth living.

"Do not come lightly to your decision for it means everything to me. I maintain that I have been honest and conscientious. I have not endeavoured to further my own interests. I have never defrauded nor attempted to defraud in filing the Report.

"I am not a criminal and it is to you and you alone that I can look for deliverance from this charge."

At another stage, in his address, Mr. Brewer said he looked upon Mr. Udy, the accountant who gave evidence on his behalf, as "a gift from heaven, probably to prevent a miscarriage of justice."

Accused denied that the Statutory Report was made out with the object of boosting the business of the Instone Banking Corporation, pointing out that it contained no word of Chinese, and that the directors and shareholders of the bank were all Chinese with the exception of himself and Mrs. Brewer.

ACCUSED ON HIS PERSONALITY.

In his address to the jury this morning, Mr. Brewer said he had thought he was fully acquainted with the facts of the case, but he was indebted to the foreman of the jury (Mr. G. G. Stopani Thomson) for giving him the realisation of a fact that had, until then, escaped him. When the foreman asked him how he persuaded the Directors to sign the forms, he must confess that he did not realise the degree of thought that had inspired the question. Although he answered it to the best of his ability in saying he believed he had done it by personality, he now realised that behind the question was a train of reasoning which had uncovered a relevant fact which had escaped his attention.

Mr. Brewer continued that until yesterday he firmly believed he had done it by personality and persuaded the Directors for the sake of the firm. He knew the arguments he used, but the question was whether he knew what motives actuated them. The motives he used were that it was materially beneficial to the firm if the shares and loans were treated in that manner and he was "willing" to accept the responsibility of receiving the share certificates full without an efficient business manager, and it was apparently in response to that argument that they signed.

Directors' Motives.

The answer, however, was deeper. The question was: "Am I sure they were convinced by my arguments or were they actuated by other motives?" It was impossible for him (Mr. Brewer) to say what motives actuated the Directors, but the thought must be considered whether they were actuated by the desire to possess fully-paid shares, or whether they were actuated by the desire merely to produce an increase of capital receipts.

It was admitted by the prosecution that the explanation given by him (Mr. Brewer) at his public examination seven months ago, and at all other times, was in entire agreement with the company's books, and that the transactions were, in fact, treated in the books exactly as was called for by the plan followed.

It was also true that the transactions had, in fact, provided the Directors, who signed the loans with fully-paid-up shares and had, in fact, purported to increase the capital receipts of the company.

The hypothetical question of actuated by such motives would, perhaps, be important were it not that the transactions, as he would show, were in themselves, apart from all question of cash receipts, valid and proper transactions, bringing about a very important result in the legal relationships of the parties.

Purely a Bye-Product.

The swelling of cash receipts was purely a bye-product and by no means the essence of the transaction. If that was so, then the question of the motives of the Directors who entered into the transactions would not be of the importance they might be if the cash receipts were the essence of the transactions, when the point would be a very important one.

Proceeding a little further, continued Mr. Brewer, along the way to which Mr. Stopani Thomson had pointed, they came to the letter written to him (Mr. Brewer) on May 31. It was a cogent fact that the instructions to purchase \$480,000 worth of fully paid-up shares did in fact come from the Directors at a meeting at which he (Mr. Brewer) was not invited and did not attend. He submitted that whether or not they had the idea of swelling capital receipts, that was not their real object in making the transactions, because they had set the matter out on the face of the letter.

Enthusiasm for Firm.

In that letter, the Directors had stated a definite reason why they wanted the plan adopted. They had reason to anticipate the appreciation of the shares and when it was considered that they went so far as to give a personal guarantee in respect of the loan, it was more reasonable to say that they were actuated by an enthusiasm for the firm than it was to think they would go to such risk solely for the sake of swelling capital receipts.

If their idea was to swell capital receipts, they were only doing so at the expense of their own liability. In the event of the shares remaining unsold, it would be their responsibility to pay back that loan.

Mr. Brewer went on to deal with another point arising out of another letter, written by him to the Directors, to which the previous letter referred to was a reply. Mr. Brewer added: "I must say it is another mistake I have made in connection with this case." After pointing out that the two letters

GINDRINKERS' BAY EXPLOSION.

BIG OIL-LADEN JUNK CATCHES FIRE.

THREE OF THE CREW SENT TO HOSPITAL.

DAMAGE OVER \$23,000.

A serious explosion, accompanied by a number of casualties, occurred on a junk laden with gasoline and kerosene at Gin Drinkers' Bay last night.

The accident happened while trading junk No. 1955 was lying tied up to a jetty alongside the Texaco installation. A full cargo of kerosene and gasoline had been taken on board, and the craft was about to cast off, on the commencement of a trip to Canton, when the explosion occurred.

For some reason which has not yet been determined, the cargo became alight and went up with a deafening report. Soon the junk was a mass of flames, visible for many miles around.

Three in Hospital.

On board were the master, Ho Fook-kam, his wife, Ng Mui, and their son, Ho Kam-hing, a 10-year-old lad, who were all seriously injured, being severely burnt about the body. They were rescued in the nick of time, and are now lying at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The No. 1 fireboat made for the spot with all speed, but by the time it arrived, so fiercely had the conflagration burst, that the junk was practically destroyed to the water's edge. The loss of oil is put at over \$23,000, but it is covered by insurance.

Police officials, arriving on the scene later, assisted in the removal of the injured to hospital.

Nearly 50,000 Gallons.

The junk was still burning this morning, and the firemen employed on the scene have, no other alternative than to allow the fire to burn itself out.

Graphic details of the blaze were given to a Telegraph representative by Supt. T. H. Brooks, of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, who personally directed the operations last night.

Mr. Brooks stated this morning that the junk's cargo consisted of 30,000 American gallons of gasoline, and 10,000 American gallons of kerosene. The explosion when the fire commenced was a terrific one, and within a few seconds the junk was a blazing mass.

The oil was stacked to a height of 12 feet above the junk's gunwales and nothing could possibly have saved the vessel. During the earlier part of the fire the junk's crew escaped to the shore.

Boy's Promptitude.

Mr. Brooks praised the action of the 16-year-old son of Mr. Ah-bas, an employee of the Texas Oil Company, who lives at the oil depot at Gin Drinkers' Bay. The boy knew what had happened as soon as he heard the explosion, and his fears were for two other junks which were lying on either side of the blazing vessel.

Rushing down to the beach, he made coolies take boats out and tow the other vessels to safety. If this had not been done when it was, there can be no doubt that the other junks would have caught fire and presented an even greater task to the Fire Brigade.

Oil on Surface.

Fire-fighting equipment was rushed to the scene, but by the time it arrived the fire had too strong a hold to be checked. Accordingly the three big fire monitors were brought into action and the efforts of their crews were concentrated on preventing the spread of burning oil over the waters of the Bay.

Had the junk been further in towards the shore, fear might have been entertained for the safety of buildings at the Texaco Depot, but as it was, the fire spread 900 yards.

LADY LAMPSON'S CONDITION.

EXTREMELY SERIOUS THIS MORNING.

"SERAPIS" RUSHED.

Late enquiries made just before going to press this afternoon, reveal that Lady Lampson's condition is still very serious.

As we announced yesterday, Lady Lampson was visiting Hongkong for the purpose of saying "good-bye" here to her son, Graham, who is being sent to school at Home. It had been arranged that the boy should continue to England in the company of a lady friend.

The day before the s.s. Arctonor arrived in Hongkong, Lady Lampson was taken ill on board and her condition, when the boat put into port, was such that Dr. Black, who was called in, ordered her immediate removal to the French Hospital. He diagnosed the case as one of meningitis, and Surgeon Commander Gerrard, who has taken Professor Anderson's place at the University, was also called upon as a consultant.

Every medical care and attention has been bestowed, and although the patient showed signs of improvement yesterday, her condition to-day is regarded as extremely serious.

Sir Miles Lampson, who was in Shanghai, was immediately informed of Lady Lampson's illness and he sailed at once on board H.M.S. "Serapis" which was expected to arrive here this afternoon at 2.15. A further message was sent this morning asking for the boat to make all possible speed.

Sir Miles, who is accompanied by Mr. Sternale Bonzetti and others of his secret staff, will go at once to the hospital on landing. He will be staying at Headquarters House, as the guest of the General Officer Commanding.

We learn that Minister Graham Miles is at the Peak Hospital under observation, where he will remain until Saturday. It declared free of infection, he will join his father, his journey to England being postponed until later.

BRITISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

NEW BODY WITH PREMIER AS CHAIRMAN.

London, Jan. 22.

In the House of Commons, during question-time, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said the Government had decided immediately to establish an Economic Advisory Council, under the chairmanship of himself.

The Council would, he said, absorb the existing Commission of Civil Research, and he hoped to secure the whole-time services of two experienced economists to serve on the Council.—*Reuter*.

COTTON SPINNERS' LEVY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE URGES A REDUCTION.

London, Jan. 22.

The Executive Committee of the Empire Cotton-Growing Corporation has decided to reduce the rate of the spinners' levy from 3d. to 1d. per 500 lb. bale, as from July 18th next.

It is not expected that the smaller income will enable the whole expenditure to be covered, but any deficit will be met from reserves.—*Reuter*.

DR. COOK LIKELY TO BE RELEASED.

BIG MAIL FRAUD CASE RECALLED.

New York, Jan. 22.

A message from Leavenworth (Kansas) says the Parole Board has recommended the release on parole of Dr. Frederick Cook, the explorer and oil-promoter, who is serving a sentence of 14 years for using mails to defraud.

Dr. Cook has so far served nearly five years of his term.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BAN ON PARROTS.

Vienna, Jan. 22.

On account of the outbreak of parrot fever, the Government has just issued a ban on parrots.

SOVIET'S ANSWER TO NANKING.

TROOPS RETURNING TO MANCHURIA.

MUKDEN OFFENDED BY THE REPUDIATION.

THE OUTLOOK BLACK.

Harbin, Jan. 22.

Grave possibilities have arisen following the Nanking Government's repudiation of the Habarovsk Protocol, which represents a preliminary agreement for the settlement of the Chinese Eastern Railway dispute, and which was signed by Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng, on behalf of the Mukden Government, and an accredited representative of the Moscow Government.

On reception of the information that the Nanking authorities objected to the Protocol, the Soviet officials are naturally indicating their strong dissatisfaction with the position and are stressing upon the Mukden Government that the terms of the Habarovsk Memorandum must be adhered to.

The Soviet authorities say that the Nanking Government cannot now object to the procedure. Nanking had every opportunity of voicing her objection before the Protocol was negotiated and should realise the futility of endeavouring to change the situation at this stage. Moreover, the Central Government allowed Mr. Tsai to proceed in the belief that he was their accredited representative.

Soviet Threat.

The most significant part of the Soviet protest to Mukden is contained in a threat to cancel the order for the withdrawal of Soviet troops at Manchuria and elsewhere along the Chinese Eastern Railway if the National Government insists in interference with the work of the Mukden Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.

That the Soviet Government is determined to adopt a positive attitude on this point is evidenced by the sudden return to Chinese territory of a large number of troops, accompanied by guns, machine guns, tanks and aeroplanes.

The Soviet is already in a position to use force should the necessity arise.

Meanwhile, a decree has been issued by the Moscow Government ordering the reserves in the Far East to postpone demobilization.

Chinese Disappointed.

Immediately following the receipt of the Soviet warning, Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng interviewed the responsible Soviet authorities seeking a compromise.

Mr. Tsai explained the impossibility of Mukden acting independently of the Nanking Government, and he urged the Soviet to change the date and place for the holding of the final conference between Chinese and Soviet plenipotentiaries.

It will be recalled that Nanking objects to the Habarovsk Protocol on the ground that Mr. Tsai had no authority to sign as a plenipotentiary.

The Soviet authorities told Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng that Moscow will insist upon the holding of the final conference at Moscow not later than the date stated in the Habarovsk protocol.

Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng has telegraphed the result of the interview to the National Government stating that General Chang Hsueh-liang is disappointed by the further complications and the last-minute intervention.

Plenipotentiary Resigns.

General Mo Teh-hui, who was recently appointed Chinese plenipotentiary to participate in the final Sino-Soviet Conference, has wired to the Nanking Foreign Ministry expressing inability to attend the Conference on account of ill health and requesting Dr. C. T. Wang to attend the conference himself.

The resignation of General Mo is regarded in official circles as a direct result of the Nanking repudiation. General Mo has just received orders to direct the post office.

PRIME MINISTER'S BUSY DAY.

CHIEF DELEGATES VISIT DOWNING STREET.

PROBLEM OF NAVAL ADJUSTMENT IN FULL SWING.

A MESSAGE TO AMERICA.

An effective answer to hints that Britain, while talking of disarmament, has done nothing in the way of setting an example, was broadcast throughout the United States yesterday by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking from his study at No. 10, Downing Street.

The Prime Minister showed that Britain was the only leading Power that had consistently reduced military expenditure, that we had reduced our aerial strength by over 75 per cent, and gave convincing comparative figures of British naval strength at the outbreak of war and the present day, as follows:

	Aug. 1914	Dec. 1929
Battleships	69	20
Cruisers, 8-inch guns	27	11
Cruisers, under 8-inch	81	43
Submarines	74	53

Yesterday was the Prime Minister's busy day. He held a Cabinet meeting in the morning, and attended the House of Commons in the afternoon. In his spare time, he had separate interviews with each of the heads of the four Naval delegations visiting Great Britain.

His broadcast message to the United States also contained an eloquent appeal for patience and understanding.

NATIONS MUST MOVE TOGETHER.

London, Jan. 22.

The Five Power Naval Conference begins actual business, tomorrow morning when all the delegations will meet in full session at St. James's Palace.

It is anticipated that at this sitting each delegation will make a brief plain statement of its position.

To-day there was much activity at the headquarters of the different delegations and general interchange of visits between the chiefs.

At Downing Street, the Prime Minister began a busy day with the usual weekly Cabinet Council, which took place an hour earlier than is customary.

Immediately afterwards he was present there at a meeting between the French and the British delegations, which Colonel Ralston, the Canadian delegate, also attended.

Anglo-French Position.

The purpose of this gathering was to review the points raised by the French and British Governments in their published memoranda of December 20 and January 10. It was found that certain points needed further elucidation, and it was agreed to consider these points at a further meeting next Friday.

In the afternoon the Premier proceeded to the House of Commons, where he remained during question time, after which he was visited by Signor Grandi, with whom he had a general discussion on the conference business.

This evening, he broadcast from his study in Downing Street a message which was sent by short wave station 6SW and relayed throughout the United States. A little later, he had a further conversation with the chief Japanese delegate, Mr. Wakatsuki.

Premier's Message to America.

The Premier, in his broadcast message to the United States said: "Before the conference started the delegations had been discussing their differences and we are hard at that now. If it were a matter of two or three deliberations the differences might be adjusted in open conference, but when there are five, many exchanges of views are required, and delicate handling has to be adopted."

Preliminaries for an agreement must therefore be conducted to a great extent between the separate delegations, and can be openly debated only after the preliminaries have been settled.

Remarkable Contrast.

"In the case of the Navy, we have not waited for this conference. 'The position in the British Empire in December 1929 compared with August 1914, presents a remarkable contrast.'"

ing amongst the countries affected.

"Although I feel sure an agreement will be come to, I should like to warn all my hearers that there are many difficulties in the way. 'The question is, How far can we all go together?'

Problem of Adjustment.

"Some of us are willing to go further than others in certain directions, but not so far in others. 'Some of us make proposals for reductions which do not suit the others and they, in their turn, make proposals which are similarly rejected. 'It is not ill-will; it is the problem of adjustment. We shall strive to bring to the lowest common level all the programmes of the various countries so that things will happen. Firstly, there will be no more competition between us in building ships, and secondly, our programmes will be reduced to the very lowest possible level and then within a few years, say, five or six, we shall be in a position to make still further reductions. Thus we shall reach disarmament and secured peace."

Absurd Criticism.

The Premier said he proposed to answer quite specifically a statement which had been very widely scattered, that this country, while talking of disarmament, was showing no example.

"In the case of the British Army, regular establishments, there have been large reductions since pre-war days. There has been a limitation of personnel, material and military expenditure generally."

"Our personnel to-day shows a reduction of 50,000 compared with 1914, and 152,000 compared with 1921, after the actual war forces had been disbanded."

"We are the only nation among the leading Powers who can show a continuous reduction in expenditure on its army."

"I am making no criticism of what the other nations have done. I am only concerned to assure you that we have in this country already assumed some of the risks of peace by an actual reduction of fighting power."

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THE INSTONE BANK LOANS.

PROMISSORY NOTES BETTER
THAN UNCALLED CAPITAL.

ACCOUNTANT'S VIEW.

The most important evidence at the Brewer trial yesterday was that of Mr. E. A. H. Udy, an Australian accountant, who said that he would have preferred money available on promissory notes to uncalled capital. Mr. Udy said that he had inspected the books of the Instone Banking Corporation, and had found them to be in order. He also said that he had tested a number of applications for loans from shareholders and had also found them to be in order.

Mr. Ernest Albert Henry Udy, a witness called by Mr. Brewer, said that he had just commenced to practice in Hongkong. He was a member of the Federated Institute of Accountants of Australia, and also of the Secretaries' Association of England. He had been gazetted to practice under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong. He was engaged in lecturing with the technical Education Department of Western Australia, and also New South Wales for a combined period of about five years.

Mr. Udy also added that he was a Justice of the Peace for New South Wales.

Replying to Mr. Brewer, witness said that he had inspected the books of the Instone Banking Corporation with regard to cash transactions with a view to ascertaining whether they were, in his opinion, drawn up on a proper system of book-keeping.

Mr. Brewer.—Did you find the books in respect of these transactions to have been kept on an easily understandable system?—Yes, I could not, of course, with the limited time at my disposal go through every entry, but I did find as an accountant that the system of book-keeping was properly carried out in the books I saw.

Mr. Brewer.—Did you test any individual transactions to determine whether they had been consistently treated throughout the books?—I tested several items on the question of conversion of share capital into what I may call receivable, and in the cases that I tested, I did find that the entries were consistent and did show the history of the transactions.

Mr. Brewer.—Was the complete nature of these transactions easily ascertainable from the books as they stood, or were they difficult to ascertain?—I followed without any explanation those cases I did test.

His Lordship remarked that he thought Mr. Ross would grant that point.

Application for Loans.

Witness said that he had a copy of the Statutory Report and also a copy of a letter applying for a loan. He had given a certain amount of consideration to them and could claim to understand them.

Mr. Brewer.—Assuming the object in these transactions to have been to convert uncalled capital to loans payable on demand, were these transactions properly dealt with in the books, in your opinion?—The cases I tested, yes.

Which would be better, for the company to possess uncalled capital or such promises to pay on demand according to the specimen in your hands?—I would take the latter, that is a promise to pay. I consider that is definitely better as an asset than uncalled capital.

Mr. Udy went on to say that as a secretary, auditor, or manager, if he could get security for uncalled capital in such a form that he could command it at any moment, or draw it in at any moment, he would rather have that than uncalled capital.

Mr. Brewer.—Provided that the person signing a loan was of mature age, and capable of entering into a contract, would the fact of his ability to meet that on demand on any given date alter the nature of your answer?—Certainly not.

Cash Transactions.

Mr. Brewer.—Assuming that the management had thought fit to treat transactions as cash, would you go so far as to say that no

person would have the right to alter them in the books to read anything else but cash transactions, without the consent of the directors?—Personally I would say, as an auditor, that once the thing took place it would, in my opinion, turn into a cash transaction. If I were an auditor of the company, I would not allow that cash transaction to be amended without attaching some addition to my report.

Mr. Brewer then referred to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance as to the contents of a Statutory Report. "That the Statutory Report must include the total amount of cash received by the Company in respect of shares allotted." He asked witness if he would be prepared to state that the total amount of cash received in respect of all shares allotted included all sums obtained under the loan applications. Mr. Udy replied that in his opinion immediately a transaction took place converting the uncalled capital to a loan, the whole of the shares were fully paid.

Mr. Brewer.—But my question is that the sums received should be included in the figure for the total amount of cash received by the company in respect of shares?—That is my opinion.

His Lordship asked witness if he would have compiled the certificate in the same way, to which he replied in the negative.

Mr. Brewer.—Would you go so far as to say that all these transactions had the effect of fully paying the shares and would you have included all the amounts so paid as being cash received in respect of shares?—Yes, but I am not in a position to say whether that total figure is correct or not.

Mr. Brewer.—Can you say that had you been engaged in preparing this Statutory Report, you would have prepared it in substantially the same way if the calculations are correct?—Yes.

To Obtain Capital.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, Mr. Udy agreed that the object of selling shares was to obtain capital.

As the result of these applications you would have got rid of your shares, not for capital but for credit?—In the ordinary course of business as long as they have got a certain amount of subscribed capital, their uncalled capital is always looked upon as certain assets, provided the people who apply for the shares are substantial.

Isn't the result of all this that you have sold a good many shares on credit?—With an obligation to pay the balance.

But instead of getting capital for which the shares were issued you have got credit?—Yes.

Would you yourself, as an auditor, consider as a good security merely names?—Provided that the form was drawn up by a legal adviser I would say yes.

To another question, witness said that if a legal adviser advised him it was a legal document he would certainly take it without hesitation.

What sort of security have you got on that document?—I have got this, that I can call up that money and it is not share capital. I have lost the right of forfeiture but my contention is that the shares are fully paid up and the only thing I lose is the right of forfeiture.

In fact merely cross-entries happen?—Cross-entries happen but still I have a lien over the shares all the time.

Mr. Udy said he considered that he had a better security because as the manager of the company, if money was wanted immediately it could be demanded on the document.

But could you get it?—Of course everything is conditional on the standing of the person who gives it.

In reply to another question, witness said he did not think he could allow a company to buy its own shares.

Juror's Questions.

To a question by Mr. Thomson, foreman of the jury, witness said he could not say why shareholders were asked to fill in the form as certain things might have happened which he knew nothing about.

Mr. Thomson said at one time when the company was founded, applicants were asked to pay five per cent on shares. A little later they were asked to pay another

OBITUARY.

MR. J. H. RAMSAY DIES ON
HIS WAY HOME.

Great regret will be felt by his many friends in the Colony at the death, which occurred on Tuesday, of Mr. J. H. Ramsay, a member of the Shanghai staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank who for nearly sixteen years was a resident of Hongkong. A particularly sad feature is that Mr. Ramsay contracted pneumonia while on his way home on leave and was taken off the ship at Kobe, where he entered the hospital but gradually grew worse and passed away. He left Shanghai on the Empress of Canada, on January 18 intending to travel to England via Canada on a year's leave. Unfortunately, he contracted pneumonia and his condition was such that on arriving at Kobe he had to be rushed off to hospital straight away.

The late Mr. Ramsay, who was born on June 6, 1889, was a resident of the Colony from August, 1912, when he first came out to the Far East, until March of 1923, when he was transferred to the Shanghai office, with the exception of a short period in 1918 when he went home to join up. Of a genial and kindly disposition, he was very popular among the Bank staff here and a large circle of friends.

The late Mr. Ramsay will be remembered as a very keen volunteer in the old days. For six years he was in the old Scouts Company and retired with the rank of Sergeant. He took a keen interest in various public and sporting activities. An enthusiastic member of the St. George's Society he served on practically all the annual Ball Committees during his residence here and was for a number of years on the General Committee, on which he did much useful work.

He was a member of a number of Clubs in the Colony, including the Hongkong Club (where the flag was flying at half mast yesterday) and the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. The flags of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on both sides of the harbour were also half-masted yesterday.

During 1918 he went home to join up and became a Cadet in the Scots Guards. The war came to an end without him seeing active service.

The late Mr. Ramsay was Acting Sub-Accountant of the Shanghai branch at the time of his death.

five per cent. Apparently there was need of ready cash at the time the second call was made. Instead of getting actual cash, however, on the second call, shareholders were allowed to fill in promissory notes in some cases.

Mr. Udy said he could not explain why, as he was only speaking on the principle of the method.

Mr. Thomson said he thought as a man of business, Mr. Udy could surely guide the jury in the matter.

Mr. Udy replied that if he was secretary of a company, he would be only too pleased to get share capital put into some solid security in the way of promissory notes provided the people who signed would pay on demand. "I would take it as a fairly good business proposition if I could bring it off."

Mr. Thomson.—Would you accept a man's signature as security?—In his reply witness indicated he would do so.

His Lordship.—With your information derived from the books, do you say you might have drawn up that report in the same way or can you suggest how you would have drawn it up?—I might have added a rider such as "Included in the sum of \$876,750, or a portion of that amount was paid over by loans made to the shareholders for which personal security has been given."

Mr. Udy continued that his whole idea of the transaction was that once the transaction took place—transferring share capital to loan—in his opinion, it was fully paid-up shares, but he might have gone to the extent of having that note in the report if the thought came to his mind.

Mr. Brewer said he would put Mrs. Brewer in the box if Mr. Fitzroy wished. Mr. Fitzroy and His Lordship both agreed that they did not wish Mrs. Brewer to give evidence, after which the Court adjourned.

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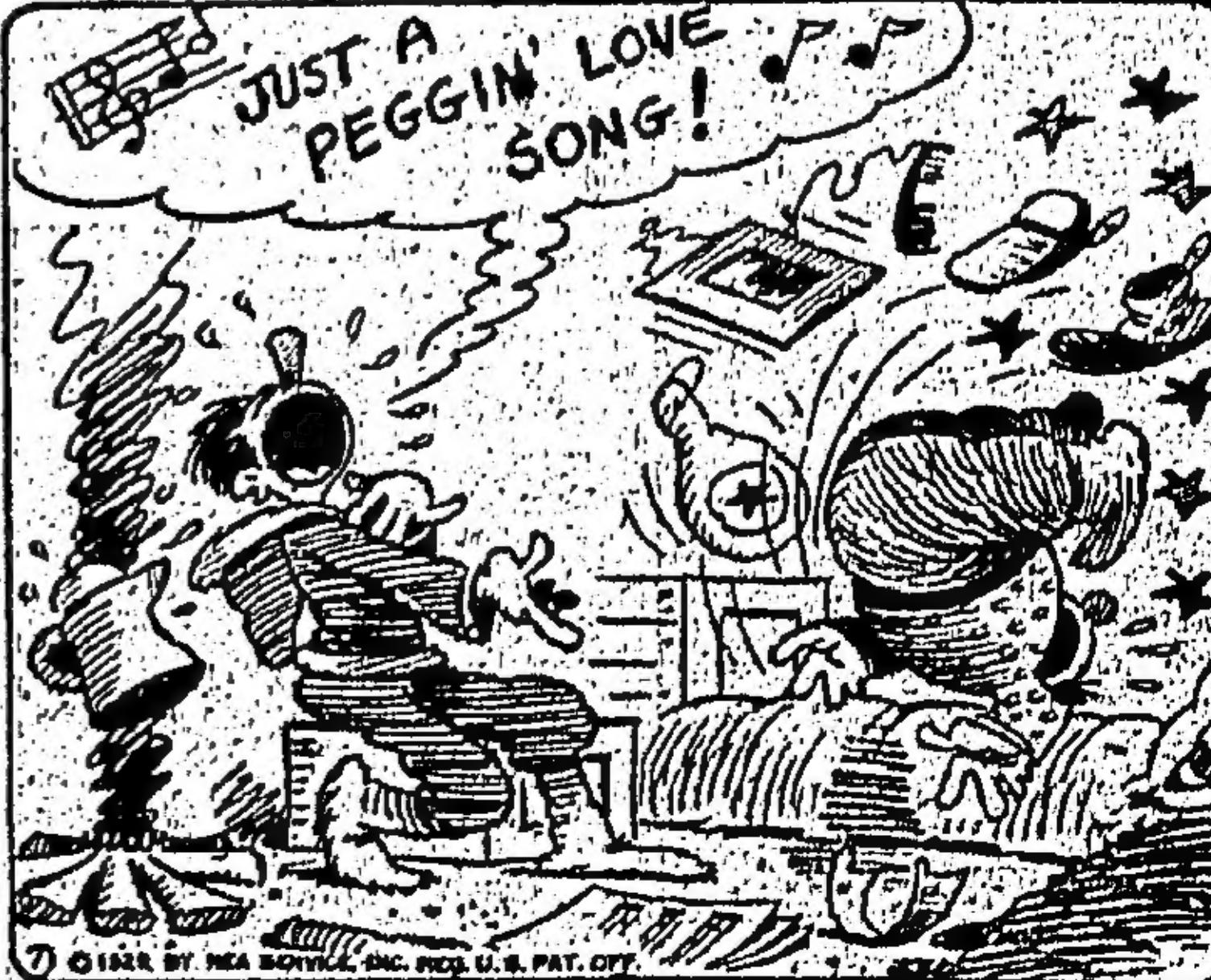
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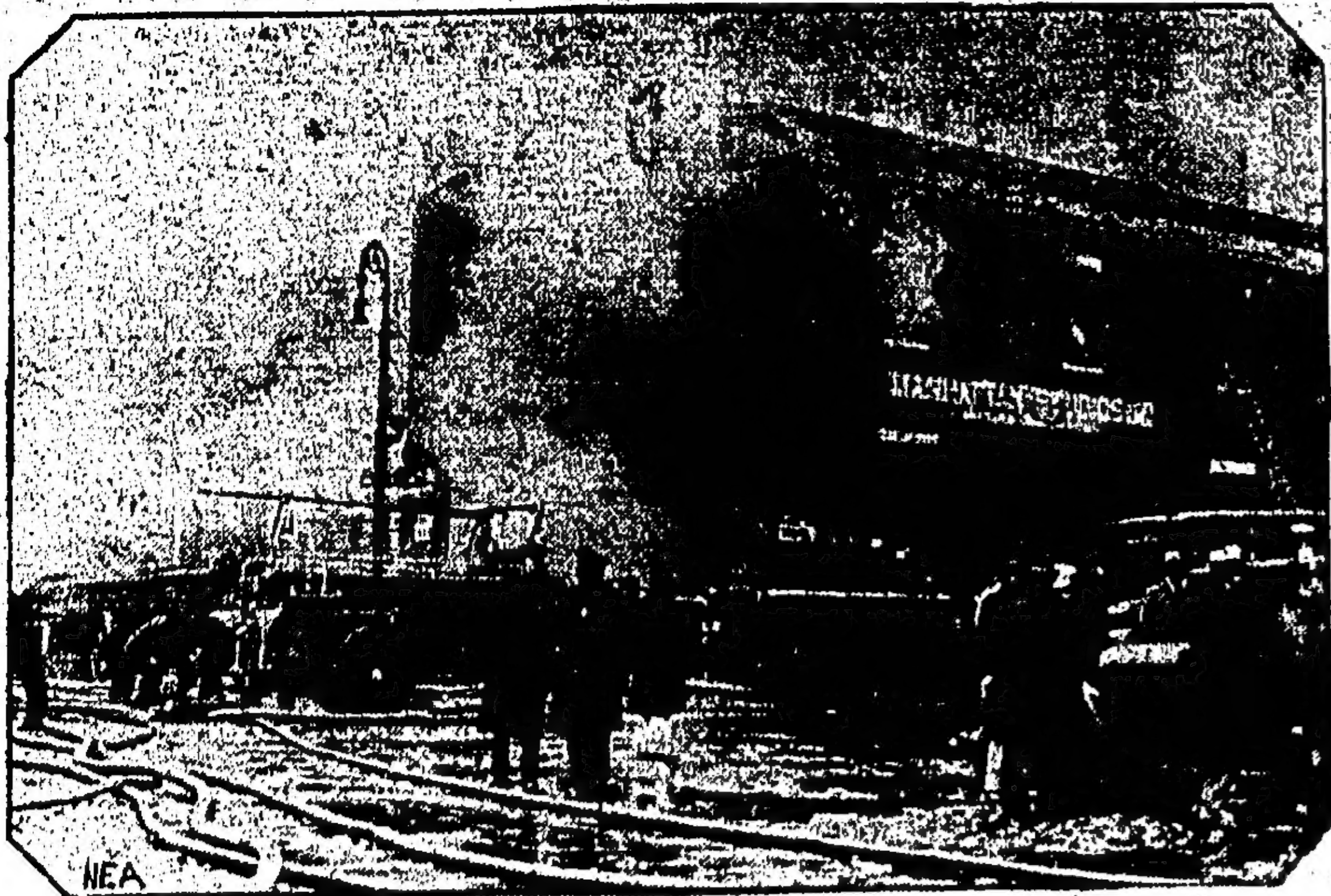


Photo showing the scene outside the Pathé film studio in New York when the premises suddenly caught fire, resulting in nine deaths and serious injuries to others. Officials of the Company were afterward arrested.



A group of chorus girls who fled from the burning film studio in New York. Four of their companions lost their lives.



A picture from Haiti showing the riotous demonstrations that caused the United States marines to enforce martial law and use machine guns and rifles on dissenters.



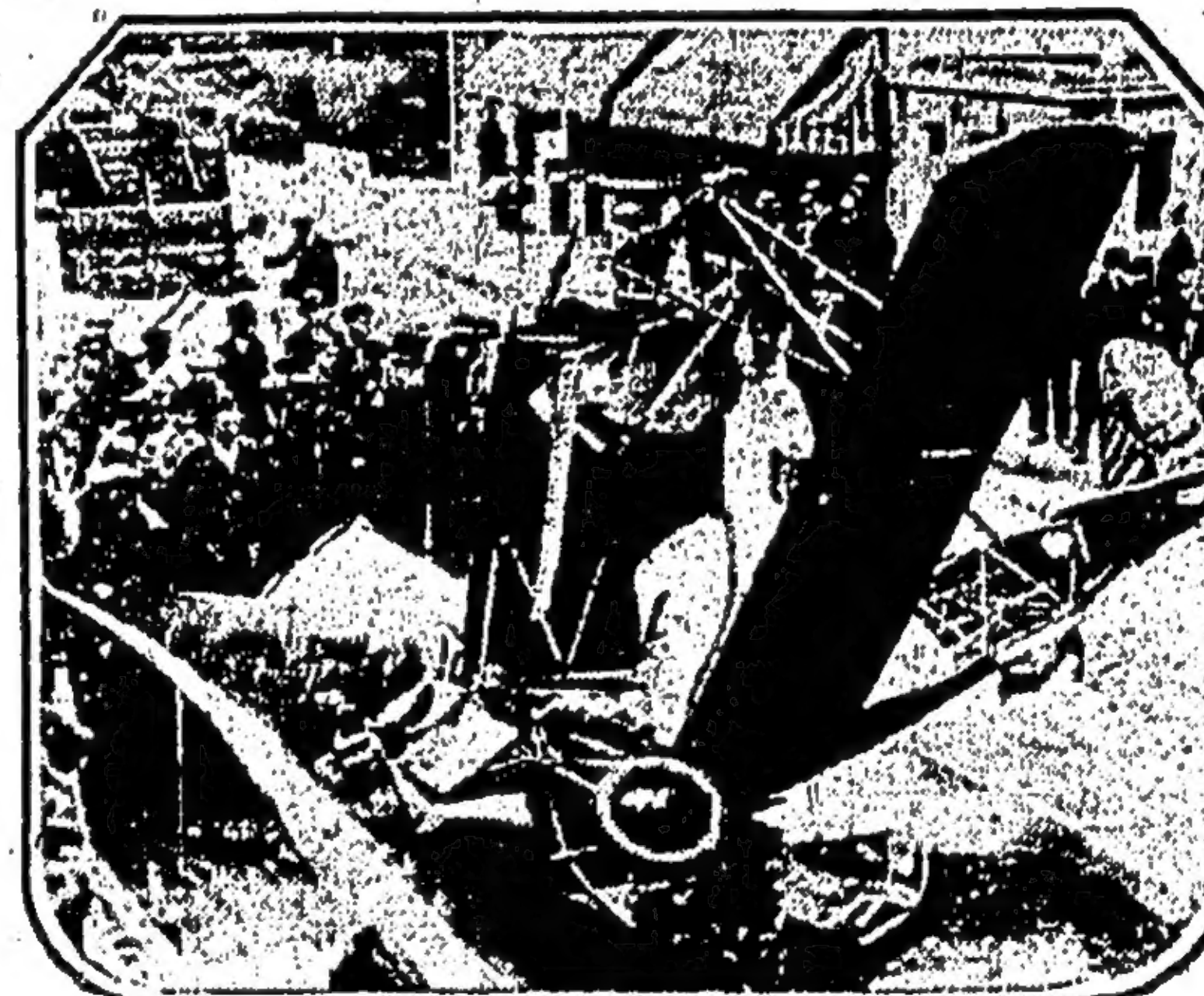
Soon after this picture had been taken martial law was declared in Haiti—and, a little later, rioting natives clashed with U. S. marines and several men lost their lives. The picture shows Damien students in Port au Prince listening to the speech of their leader, Justin S. M., at the beginning of the disorders.



In China, traffic has its peculiar complications. Take the time, for instance, when a flock like the one pictured above enters the question.



Costas and Bollente, the long-distance flying record holders, at the official welcome by M. Eynac, the Air Minister, (centre).



The wreckage of a plane which fell into a New York street, killing a student pilot. It was the third similar accident in a week.



The toll of the gales in England. Top picture shows a stranded ship on the South coast. The others show the extent of the floods.

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CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 30th and 31st January, and 1st February, 1930.

J. M. H. OSBORNE,

Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

York Building, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1930.

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FIRST ORDINARY YEAR MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 4th February, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the period from 1st November, 1928, to 31st December, 1929, and of electing an auditor. The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th January to the 4th February, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

HENRY LOWCOCK,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1929.

G. H. R.

NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1930, at 1 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshulpo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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COAL MINES BILL.

AMENDMENTS IN DEFERENCE TO THE LIBERALS.

London, Jan. 22.

Government amendments to the Coal Mines Bill are designed to meet the Liberal objections.

The Bill as now published provides, *inter alia*, for a postponement of the reduction of miners' hours to 7½ until July; also the compulsory amalgamation of collieries.

A Liberal parliamentary party meeting to-morrow will consider the amendments. The committee stage of the bill will be taken the week after next.—*Reuter*.

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Marion Davies gives one of her famous mad masquerades, assisted by a chorus of six-footers and she sings and tap dances.

John Gilbert and Norma Shearer give a version of "Romeo and Juliet."

Conrad Nagel makes his debut as a singer.

Bessie Love gives generously of her talents.

Joan Crawford ravishes the eye and sings a crooning melody.

Buster Keaton takes one of his divorcing falls.

William Haines and Owen Lee are there with one of the famous Haines "men" to which Karl Dane and George K. Arthur lend a few deft touches.

Charles King, of "The Broadway Melody" fame, introduces new songs.

Guia Edwards appears in several numbers to which he contributed songs.

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SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1310 b.
Chartered Bank, \$171 n.
Mercantile & B., \$282 n.
East Asia, \$95 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$715 b.
Union Ins., \$379 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2 n.
China Fire, \$340 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$826 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$25 a.
H. K. Steamers, \$271 a.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 a.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$231 b.

Mining.

Benguet, \$4.70 b.
Kallana, 52/6 n.
Langkots, Tls. 13.60 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raub, \$131 n.
Tronoh, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$144 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$311 n.
China Providents, \$5.40 n.
Fongkwa, Tls. 194 a.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15.40 a.
Oriental, Tls. 2.30 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 83 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12 60 a.
H. K. Lands, \$65 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 175 b.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$8.90 a.
Chinese Estates, \$98 a.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$183 a.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$71 a.
China Lights, (old) \$204 b.
H. K. Electric, \$71 n.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones, \$9 65 b.
China Buses, Tls. 154 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- a.

Industries.

China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Mac. Ord. Tls. 11 n.
Canton Iron, \$2 50 n.
Coments. (Comb.) \$14.65 b.
Ropes, \$7 25 a.
United Asbestos, \$5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$20.60 a.
Watsons, \$11 20 b.
Der A. Wings, 80 a.
Lane Crawfords, \$2 10 b.
Macintoshes, \$18 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 b.
Constructions, \$130 b.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 61%
H. K. G. Loan 5% a. Prem.

ITALIAN OPERA.

SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF "CARMEN."

That "Carmen" has lost none of its popularity in Hongkong was proved by the excellent house to which the Carpi Company played last night at the Star. The opera is full of animation and makes great demands on the singing and acting abilities of the players, but those who took the leading roles last night proved equal to the occasion and richly deserved the applause that greeted their efforts.

Mlle. Dietli, who was in the title role, is a newcomer to Hongkong. Her rich contralto voice was a real treat to listen to and her rendering of Habenera was superb.

Mlle. Henkina, as Micaela, played her part with a simple charm that showed that she had lost none of her wonderful capabilities, for which she was renowned as the Prima Donna of the Imperial Theatre at old St. Petersburg.

Sig. Cassarosa made an excellent Escamillo and was well received in his rendering of the Canzone del Toreador. Sig. Giovanni as Don Jose sang his part well though his acting was rather over-dramatic at times.

One of the features of the evening was the splendid dancing by the corps de ballet. Few in number they made up for size by the excellence of their work, and were loudly applauded on every appearance.

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U.S.A. (San Francisco 27th Decem-
ber, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and
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Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai President Jefferson January 27.
Japan and Shanghai Sphinx January 28.
U.S.A. (Seattle 11th January),
Canada, Japan and Shanghai President Grant January 31.
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 11th Jan.),
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and
Shanghai Emp. of Asia February 2.
Manila Pres. Jefferson February 2.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the times given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For Date and Time
Mainland Thurs., Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Thurs., Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
Dairen Thurs., Jan. 23, 5 p.m.
Haiphong Fri., Jan. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Hainan and Haiphong Fri., Jan. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Pakhoi Fri., Jan. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Fri., Jan. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
Parcels noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hainan Fri., Jan. 24, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Hakozaki Maru Sat., Jan. 25.
K.P.O. Registration Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Jan. 25, 9 a.m.
G.P.O. Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 23rd Feb.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and Egypt Sat., Jan. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Manila Pres. Adams Sat., Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Shanghai via Swatow Sun., Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Sun., Jan. 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun., Jan. 26, 9 a.m.
Japan, South American Ports and Swatow Sun., Jan. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Europe via Siberia Mon., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan Mon., Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco Pres. McKinley Mon., Jan. 27.
Parcels 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco 19th Feb.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Pres. McKinley Mon., Jan. 27.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 23rd Feb.)

Shanghai and Japan Iyo Maru Tues., Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Sphinx Tues., Jan. 28.
K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 23rd February.)

Sandakan Mausang Tues., Jan. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hainan Tues., Jan. 28, 2 p.m.
Manila Pres. Jefferson Tues., Jan. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow Kwongsang Tues., Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen Tues., Jan. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy Namsang Fri., Jan. 31, 9 a.m.
Amoy Anking Sat., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Mantua Sat., Feb. 1.
K.P.O. Registration Jan. 31, 9 a.m.
Letters Feb. 1, 10 a.m.
G.P.O. Registration Jan. 31, 9 a.m.
Letters Feb. 1, 9.45 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 28th February.)

Manila Pres. Grant Sat., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Pres. Jefferson Mon., Feb. 2.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

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IMPASSIONED PLEA BY MR. BREWER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

must be taken in conjunction with one another, he said they referred to the sale of the contracts.

Mrs. Brewer's Position.

He continued he had always been under the impression that Mrs. Brewer was a trustee, but the letter written by the Directors did not use the word "trustee" and also the letter did not accept the offer to refund, but instead the Directors made certain requests, to buy certain shares, to sell certain shares and to hand the proceeds to the company as to the 90 per cent.

The matter was important insofar as it must be presumed that wherever possible the Directors were not trying to do anything *ultra vires*. On the face of the two documents, he would submit what had happened was not that a trustee had been appointed to hold them, but that the Directors had acted in a manner they had power to do, by making the purchasing and sale a condition to their expectations of the refund. In that case they would certainly not have exceeded their powers and he would submit that there was nothing on the face of the documents to contradict.

Mr. Brewer commented:—I don't suppose the Directors or myself have known, on a date prior to a recent date, that there was any question of *ultra vires* being raised on these documents. The money did not become the company's property until the sale was effected.

Wife's Liability.

He went on to deal with Mrs. Brewer's shares. He said that Mrs. Brewer received the \$48,000 worth of shares from him (Mr. Brewer). She used it in paying ten per cent. on 4,800 shares allotted to her personally and registered in her personal name. She, herself, was fully responsible as principal in company law for the payment of the entire uncalled capital. She applied for a loan of \$432,000 in respect of which she was guaranteed by the Directors in their personal capacity. With that loan, Mrs. Brewer was liable for uncalled capital, subject only to the protection of the Directors' guarantee which they both trusted. Subject to that she could have been required to pay the loan in full and if she did not, then execution could be levied and she could have been sent to prison.

Judge Disagrees.

His Lordship:—That is not so although I did not disagree with it before.

Mr. Brewer:—I am sure there is imprisonment for debt.

His Lordship:—You may take it from me that that is not so.

Continuing, Mr. Brewer said that that was their belief and under those circumstances she would not have signed for the loan and he would not have permitted her to do so, had they not both been entirely confident that the Directors were substantial men and able to pay their guarantee.

Two other points arose. As regards the loan to Mrs. Brewer could the bank properly make it an asset, although Mrs. Brewer had been shown to possess only \$15,000 and he (Mr. Brewer) knew it to be guaranteed by persons in whose financial worth he had no confidence? Also were the smaller loans made to individual Directors loans the bank might regard as real assets as they were made to people of known financial worth? It was worthy of note that neither he himself nor Mrs. Brewer could conceivably make any personal profit out of the transactions or out of the sale of shares which Mrs. Brewer held, when they had no beneficial interest in the transactions whatever.

More Jugglery?

With regard to the transactions generally, were they actual transactions or not? It had been suggested by the prosecution they were mere jugglery, having no value and capable of being set

aside. In two cases the letter applications had been sued on, taken through to judgment and the defendant had, in no case, alleged there was any ground for setting it aside. At the present moment the Official Receiver was suing a man on one of the application loans for the full amount, although the calls had not yet been made 100 per cent.

It had also been suggested that by the scheme, the shares were capable of indefinite expansion, that one could equally well make the capital ten million dollars if desired. The answer to that was it was not possible to do the transactions at all unless there was a person willing to accept the liability. They must realise that although actual bank notes might not have been taken out of pockets and paid in respect of the shares, the mere fact of a person having to guarantee to pay cash on demand was sufficient to prevent people going in for unlimited quantities of shares in that manner.

Men of Substance.

There was evidence to show that some of the men were men of substance. There was no evidence to show that they were not men of substance and the assumption was, that as Directors of the company, they were men of substance. Being men of substance they would not sign their willingness to pay money on demand unless they were prepared to meet it when demanded. A man with property would hesitate before signing to pay a demand as he could be sent to prison for debt.

Mr. Brewer said to his Lordship that he might be corrected on that point.

His Lordship replied that the other point was the question of a married woman.

Dealing with the question as to whether the transactions were fictitious or not, Mr. Brewer said that the liabilities of both parties had suffered a very material alteration. The shareholder benefited inasmuch as he had the right to inform the world that he was the holder of fully paid shares and was a Director. The other advantage was that until the company demanded the money he had the right to pay off his indebtedness at times most convenient to himself, instead of being forced to wait for a call. It was a matter of experience that calls on shares always came at awkward moments. The company's benefit was even more striking. It was true that the capital liability would be increased, but they had the right to sell the security forthwith and could proceed to recover the balance due. It was a far more valuable asset to have the right of forfeiture which extinguished the uncalled liability. The bank's right to payment on demand was immensely more valuable than the right to make a call.

"Sent From Heaven"

Continuing, Mr. Brewer referred to the evidence given on the previous day by Mr. Udy, outlined his qualifications and said that he was an accountant, a man of standing and a man whose reputation must be of some value.

"I say," continued Mr. Brewer, "that Mr. Udy was sent from Heaven. I am not saying that in a loose or cynical fashion. I am meaning it. When a person is up against things as I have been recently he can say things like that and mean them. I say Mr. Udy was sent from Heaven, probably to prevent a miscarriage of justice."

When a man of that standing and reputation will go so far as to say that he being in my position would have issued the statutory report, as I did, I must maintain that that should be very strongly regarded.

Mr. Brewer recalled further evidence of Mr. Udy and pointed out that he had said the trans-

actions were properly treated as cash transactions. In view of that, said Mr. Brewer, could he be held to have held wrongful intentions or to have acted dishonestly in doing something which an accountant had said he would have done?

Out of His Depth.

Referring to the Bank business, Mr. Brewer said a trustee bank never required a big capital, but since it was part of the directors' plan to go in for banking proper they were quite justified in wishing to go in for large capital. He suggested that it was not unreasonable of him to try and avoid the responsibility of handling \$2,800,000. He could earn a dividend on a capital of \$150,000 but when they talked about millions it was going right out of his depth.

However, he did not wish to impede the company's business when and if they appointed the manager. No one was more anxious than he was that the company should be successful and one of good repute.

Dealing with the statutory report Mr. Brewer said it was quite customary for such to be printed and published in Hongkong and elsewhere. All the statutory reports were typewritten, a number being produced, to satisfy the requirements of the Ordinance. None of the statutory reports bore anything in Chinese. If they had been solely for the purpose of boosting the company, there would certainly have been Chinese on them. All the directors were Chinese except himself and Mrs. Brewer, and all their customers were Chinese.

Remote Contingency.

To suggest that some of the customers might come around to the Court and look up the report on the files was to suggest a remote contingency.

Mr. Brewer pointed out that the books were consistent throughout, from the first entry to the balance sheet.

Concluding he said:—"If the items are correct, I am clearly innocent. If I honestly believed them to be correctly treated I am equally innocent. If there is a disagreement of experts and if my explanation is the same as it was seven months ago, how can it be wrong?"

"Can I be a criminal, or to blame, for having produced a document which one expert admits might be correct if the transactions were genuine and another expert maintains that it is genuine and that the statutory report was properly prepared?"

Dramatic Appeal.

"You have it in your power, gentlemen of the jury, by one word to make me a condemned criminal, to make me a pariah and an outcast, deprive me of my name, reputation, friends, personal liberty and everything that makes life worth living."

"Do not come lightly to a decision for it means everything to me. I maintain that I have been honest and conscientious. I have not endeavoured to further my own interests. I have never defrauded nor attempted to defraud in filing that report."

"I am not a criminal and it is to you, and you alone, that I can look for deliverance from this charge."

Mr. Brewer's address to the jury occupied 75 minutes. After various points mentioned by the jury had been cleared up Counsel for the Crown commenced his final address.

Object of Law.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy rose at 12.15 p.m. to address the jury on behalf of the Crown. The first thing he would do, he said, would be to bring the jury to the actual charge for which Mr. Brewer was being tried. He then read the charge to the jury.

Under the requirements of the Companies Ordinance, he continued, it was necessary for a Statutory Report to be filed with the Registrar of Companies. The object of this provision was so that the public should know how every company stood. Everyone who wanted

TWO BROTHERS AT VARIANCE.

EMBEZZLEMENT LEADS TO ASSAULT.

The behaviour of two brothers who appeared in an assault case before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was described by his Worship as being disgraceful.

It was stated that the two brothers had a quarrel over a debt and one of them struck the other with a piece of wood, the victim being taken to hospital, where he was detained for eight days for treatment.

The assailant admitted assaulting his brother, causing his Worship to remark that it was disgraceful for a man to strike his own brother, but the defendant went on to say that his brother had embezzled a sum of money.

Turning to the complainant, his Worship told him that it was also disgraceful to cheat his brother.

The complainant admitted that he had used about \$40 belonging to his brother.

His Worship ordered both parties to sign bonds for their future behaviour.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 22.	
Paris	123.91
Brussels	34.84
Amsterdam	12.105
Berlin	20.375
Copenhagen	18.185
Vienna	34.01
Helsingfors	103.2
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	45.1/10
Shanghai	2/0 3/4
Yokohama	2/0 7/32
New York	4.85 9/32
Geneva	25.18
Milan	92.97
Stockholm	18.125
Oslo	18.215
Prague	104 1/2
Madrid	37.345
Athens	375
Rio	5.7/10
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Hongkong	1/7
Silver (spot)	20.13/16
Silver (forward)	20.0/16

—British Wireless.

to know anything at all about a particular company merely had to go to the Registrar's Office, pay the usual fee, and see the documents. The sole object was to see that everything was clear and above board and to protect the public and to see that the requirements of the Ordinance were being carried out.

Mr. Fitzroy said that he proposed to use the word "cash" in the ordinary mercantile, business sense. If a man were going to put money into a bank, the first thing he would do would be to look up the report to see how much capital it possessed.

What is "Cash"?

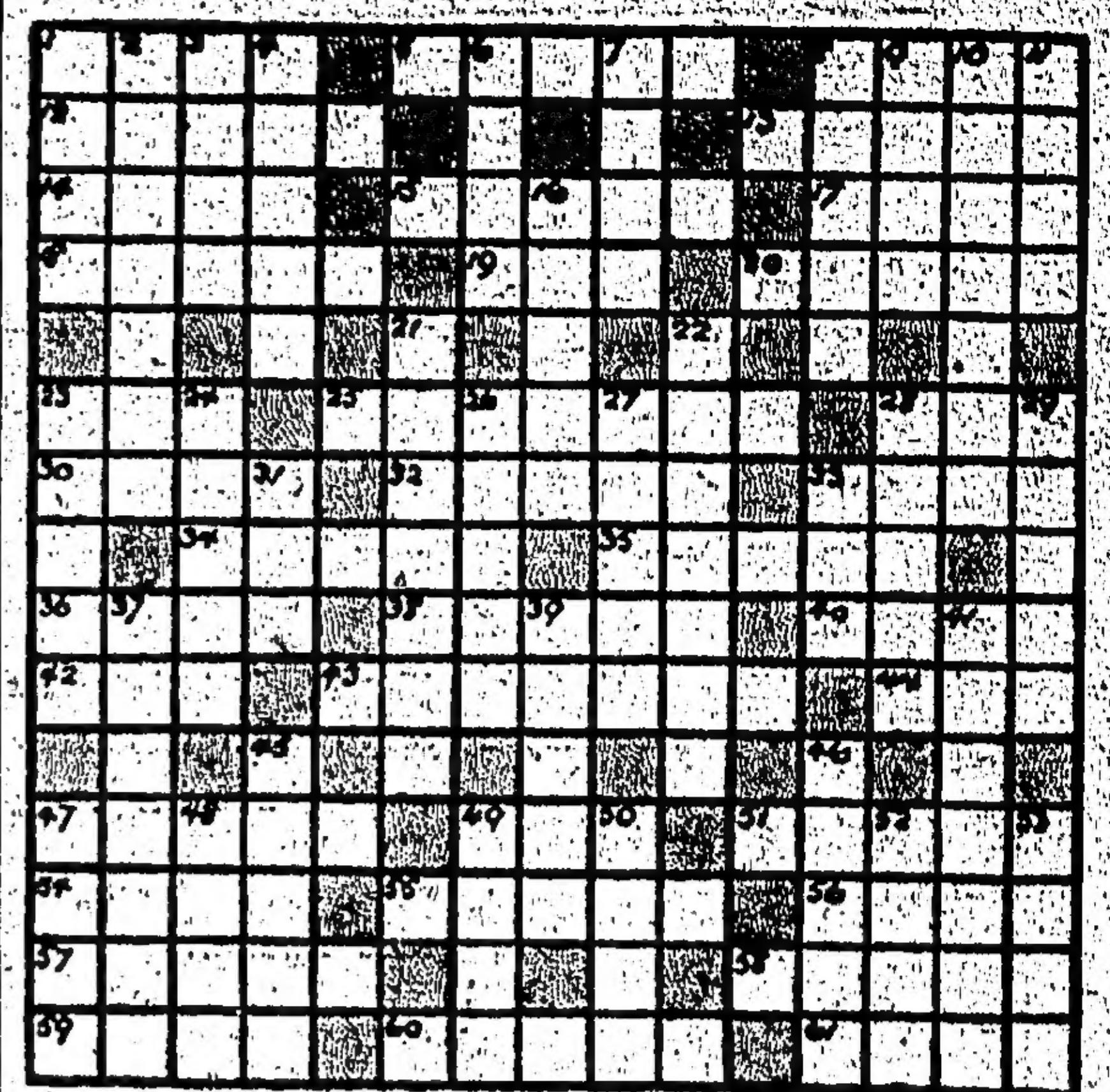
Going on Mr. Brewer's statement, he would think that he had some security in the form of the bank's big paid-up capital. He would have a perfect right to believe that the word "cash" was used in the common, mercantile sense. But did the facts justify this? The statement read that the total amount was received in respect of cash. They found, however, that only five per cent. had been paid in cash, and that promissory notes were held for another five per cent. Promissory notes were clearly not cash.

His Lordship at this point said he was going to leave the matter of the definition of the word "cash" to the jury.

The Ordinance demanded a statement of cash, continued Mr. Fitzroy, for the protection of the public. If the company had promissory notes which might be met, could they define them as cash? Would any juror say that he had cash if he had a promissory note in his pocket? How could they say that they had cash if they held promissory notes? The man who signed the note might die or leave the Colony.

Shortly after 12.35 p.m., Mr. Fitzroy's address concluded, and his Lordship adjourned until this afternoon, when the summing up will commence.

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- Across
- 1 Sound returned.
 - 5 Decorate.
 - 8 Valley.
 - 12 Corrupt political practices.
 - 13 Craze.
 - 14 Sport.
 - 16 Frolic.
 - 17 Step of ladder.
 - 18 Inquire (Scotch).
 - 19 Unopened flower.
 - 20 Poise.
 - 21 Not many.
 - 25 Seasonably.
 - 26 Season.
 - 32 Markets.
 - 33 Wain.
 - 34 Flower.
 - 35 Sun (Poet).
 - 36 Pronoun.
 - 38 Plunged into water.
 - 40 Wheel.
 - 42 Feminine pronoun.
 - 43 Riddle.
 - 44 Rule.
 - 47 Fruit.
 - 49 Chance.
 - 51 Aids.
 - 54 Unit.
 - 55 Pertaining to a harp.
 - 56 Implement.
 - 57 Mourning.
 - 58 Small boat.
 - 59 Short tail.
 - 60 Entangle.
 - 61 Grant for temporary use.
- Down
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 - 2 Breed of pigeons.
 - 3 Haul.
 - 4 Tender.
 - 6 Drentry.
 - 7 Regretted.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AN EXCELLENT TALKIE
DRAMA.

Thrills and romance are well woven together in the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, "In Old Arizona," which drew large audiences to the first showings yesterday. This film is an all-talkie, and, based on a O. Henry story, it has many attractive features.

The main theme of the play is the tracking down of a notorious bandit, named Cisco Kid, by a U.S. Army patrol led by Sergeant Micky Dunn. It so happens that the sergeant falls in love with the girl adored by the Cisco Kid—a spirited young maiden who is always out for the main chance. How the Kid finds a way of wreaking revenge on the faithless girl makes one of the best climaxes we have seen for a long time.

The acting throughout is very good, especially that of Dorothy Burrows as the girl, Edmund Lowe as the sergeant and Warner Baxter as the Kid.

In addition, the programme contains a Fox movie news reel, one of the features of which is the address by His Majesty the King at the opening of Newcastle's new bridge.

LOCAL RADIO.

TO-DAY'S HELENA MAY CONCERT.

The feature of to-day's radio broadcast will be the concert at the Helena May Institute. The full programme is—

Broadcast by ZBW, on 355 meters. 5.25 p.m. A Concert relayed from the Helena May Institute.

- Programme.
- I. Trois Preludes, C. Debussy.
 - (a) La Fille aux cheveux de lin.
 - (b) La Cathedrale.
 - (c) Minstrels.
 - Madame Bonenfant.
 - II. Operatic Arias (in English).
 - (a) Mimi's Aria (La Boheme).
 - (b) One Fine Day (Madame Butterfly), Puccini.
 - Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
 - III. Three Phantasies for Piano and Violin.
 - E. Schumann.
 - Madame Bonenfant and Major E. J. Macnair.
 - IV. Songs.
 - (1) In Exile, Teresa del Riego.
 - (2) Four Jolly Sailors, Edward German.
 - Mr. R. A. Green.
 - V. "Jardine sous la plume," C. Debussy.
 - Madame Bonenfant.
 - God Save The King.
 - 7.00-9.00 p.m. Recorded Music and Experimental Relay Transmission.
 - 9.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
 - 10.30 p.m. Close down.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



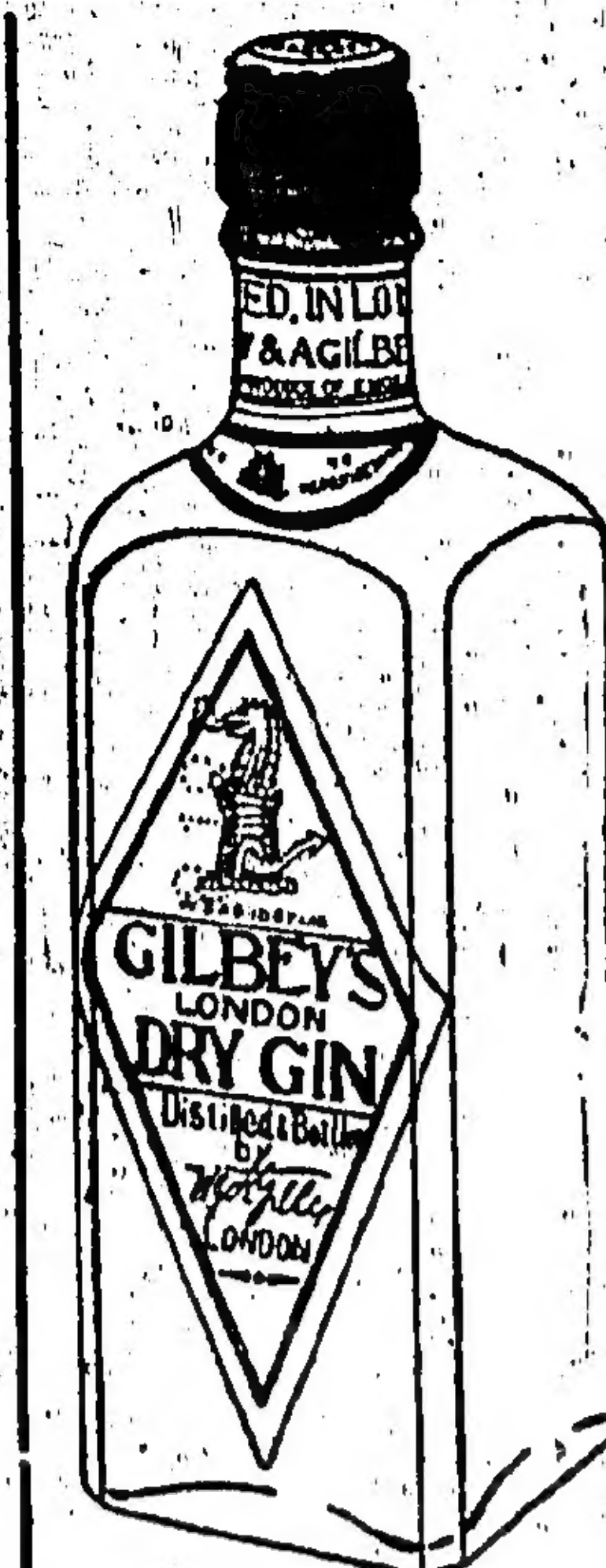
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21927—Walking with Sue—Fox Trot... *Olsen's Music*
That's You, Baby—Fox Trot
21964—The Wedding of the Painted Doll
Broadway Melody
X 22012—Singin' in the Rain—Fox Trot... *Arnheim's Orchestra*
Your Mother and Mine—Fox Trot... *Shilket-Victor Orchestra*
X 22041—Low Down Rhythm—Fox Trot... *The High Hatters*
Gotta Feelin' for you—Fox Trot
22043—The Wedding of the Painted Doll
Pagan Love Song
X 22057—Singin' in the Rain... *Johnny Marvin*
Orange Blossom Time
22124—Sunny Side up—Fox Trot... *Hamp's Serenaders*
If I had a Talking Picture of You
22136—You want Lovin'—Fox Trot... *Rudy Vallee's Yankies*
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BOYCE.—At the Matilda Hospital,
on January 22, 1930, to
Thelma (Joyce) wife of Cap-
tain Colin Boyce, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1930.

LORDS' AND COMMONS.

Some of the most important
features of the Unemployment
Insurance Bill, as might have
been anticipated, have failed to
stand the test of discussion in the
House of Lords. The very
troublesome Clause Four, which
had to be re-drafted so bitter was
the controversy that raged in the
Commons, has been entirely omitted
by the Upper House. And this
step was taken although Lord
Ranbury, the mover, must have
been fully aware that the deletion
of Clause Four would strike at the
very heart of the Measure as it
contains the proposals as to dis-
qualification for the receipt of
benefit in substitution for the
former "genuinely seeking work"
provision. The Government was
also defeated on an important
point of procedure, while it was
decided, without a division, to
limit the life of the Bill to March
31, 1931, in order to ensure
thorough reconsideration in
twelve months' time, when the
Government has repeatedly de-
clared that it would be unreason-
able to insist upon a review of the
whole of the permanent machinery
of insurance after so short a space
of time. An interesting position
is thus created. "The House of
Lords is indicating in the
most possible way its keen
disapproval of a Bill to which the
Government of the day is definite-
ly committed; and a question at
once arises regarding its fate:
Are the Lords delaying its passage
or is the Government in a posi-
tion to force it through? Every-
thing hangs, of course, on whether
the Speaker of the House of Com-
mons, who is the sole judge, re-
gards the Unemployment Insur-
ance Bill as a Money Bill.

The Parliament Act provides
that such a bill which has been
passed by the House of Commons
and sent up to the House of
Lords becomes law a month after
being so sent up, however the
House of Lords may deal with it.
In other cases, the procedure,
presuming the Lords to be ad-
amant in their refusal to assent to
the views of the Commons, re-
quires that the Lower House shall
pass the Bill in three successive

sessions before it can be sub-
mitted over the heads of the Lords
for the Royal Assent. A period of
at least two years must, therefore,
elapse between the first introduc-
tion of the Bill and its final pas-
sage.

In the present political situa-
tion, a bitter feud between the
two Houses has always been with-
in the realm of possibility. The
Government is hopelessly out-
numbered in the Upper Chamber
and its difficulties are obvious in
view of the fact that no inconsider-
able number of hereditary
Peers take hardly the slightest
interest in legislation beyond re-
cording an automatic vote against
other than Tory measures. For-
tunately, this disposition has,
perhaps under pressure, shown a
tendency to disappear in recent
years, and its place taken by a
willingness to compromise even
when real issues are at stake. The
Widows Pensions Bill, which is a
somewhat similar measure to that
under discussion, inasmuch as it
concerns social legislation, recently
became law, some of the amend-
ments of the Upper House being
accepted, the others being with-
drawn by consent. This, we
imagine, will be the precedent for
the Unemployment Insurance
Bill, though the differences are
more acute. In many senses, it is
a disturbing Bill and uneasiness
over it appears to be extending.
A settlement between the Houses
will not be an easy task. In the
event, however, of the objection of
the MacDonald Administration to
the amendments, it is not to be
anticipated that the Lords will in-
sist upon them. The Reformation
cry would inevitably be revived.

Women Police.

A deputation organised by wo-
men's societies in England recently
appeared before the Home
Secretary to ask for an increase in
the numbers of women employed
on police duties. Already there
are policewomen attached to the
Metropolitan police, and their ser-
vices have been found to be of the
greatest value in dealing with
crime amongst women and child-
ren. A substantial addition to
their numbers has already been
authorised; but in the provinces
no great use is made of the ser-
vices of women constables. The
idea of employing women police is
still in the experimental stage, and
further experience is sought be-
fore a fixed organisation will be
formed in England. It is perhaps
as detectives that women are pro-
ving themselves the equal of men,
and in certain cases superior.
Last year, 127 were trained at
New Scotland Yard, police head-
quarters in London. For general
detective work they are given a
course of six months' training,
which includes instruction on ob-
servation, knowledge of law and
Police Court procedure, and other
matters likely to be of use in their
work. They are also instructed in
the art of self-defence and ju-
jitsu. It has been found that the
powers of observation of the
women detectives are as good as
those of the men, and that their
powers of disguise are even better.
The big London stores are always
glad to have the benefit of their
help in detecting theft, which are
not uncommon during the sales
and the rush period before Christ-
mas and the New Year. Great
tact is necessary for this work,
and it is expected that the future
will see a considerable extension
in their employment for this sort
of work.

LOCAL LADY'S DEATH.

WIFE OF NAVAL YARD FOREMAN.

We regret to announce the death
of Mrs. Maude Pope, wife of the
foreman of ship fitters in the Navy
Yard, who passed away at Kowloon
Hospital on Tuesday after a long
illness.

Mrs. Pope was 46 years of age,
and for many months had been suf-
fering from a serious illness. Her
husband has been in the Colony for
nearly 25 years, and much sym-
pathy will be felt by his many
friends in Hongkong.

The funeral, which was held at
Happy Valley Cemetery yesterday
afternoon, was attended by a large
gathering and many wreaths were
sent.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Chopin's Preludes—the English
Singers—Shall we hear Schmitz?

[By "ALLEGRO."]

"E.M.B." is a critic whose
opinion I value, but that writer
recently made a reference to the
nature of Chopin's Preludes
which, I think, reflects rather a
common misconception of them.
Referring to a player's grouping
of seven of the Preludes as one
item, he, or she, likened the effect
to reading a series of disconnected
paragraphs in a newspaper.
"Each is interesting but each is
only an introduction—and we are
not allowed to read the chapter
which follows." Chopin's Pre-
ludes are sometimes played
separately, sometimes in a small
group, and occasionally by first-
class pianists—as a complete set
of twenty-four. Each is not an
introduction to the next and it
should not therefore matter how
many are played or even if they
are not given in strict order.

Niecks, in commenting upon
them, writes:—"These heteroge-
neous collection of pieces reminds me
of nothing so much as of an artist's
portfolio, filled with drawings in
all stages of advancement, finish-
ed and unfinished, complete and
incomplete compositions, sketches
and mere memoranda, all mixed in-
discriminately together."

"When examined carefully,
however," says Ashton-Joneson,
"it will be seen that each Prelude
is a musical thought, absolutely
rightly expressed, never a line too
long or a bar too short."

On the particular point of their
being "introductions," the same
author writes:—"The term Pre-
lude, which strictly signifies an in-
troduction or a piece played before
a more important composition, is,
however, frequently used in music
for a work of intrinsic and inde-
pendent value, and it is in the
latter sense that we must look at
the title as used to describe these
varied tone poems."

Readers may remember that
after Plet cancelled his concert
on account of what he considered
the poor state of the building here,
we expressed ourselves somewhat
forcibly on the dearth of the
seats and went to some pains to
explain why we thought a concert
with more reasonable prices of ad-
mission would yield better returns.

In particular, it was emphasized
that it was practically useless for
the Hongkong Musical Society to
urge its members to book dates for
some concert, when it was found
later that \$6 was being asked for
a seat in the wretched Theatre
Royal. A copy of the "Jot-
tings" in question was sent by
the Musical Society to the concert-
agent, Mr. Strok, and it is satis-
factory to learn that he is bring-
ing the English Singers here at
the popular price of \$4 and \$2. It
is to be earnestly hoped that the
Hongkong public will give their
support to these artists and that
the representations made will be
justified by the financial success
of these two concerts (Feb. 14th,
and Feb. 15th). It would be very
unfortunate if Mr. Strok were to
find that, after bringing his prices
to a level which the Musical So-
ciety have stated the public will
be more inclined to pay, the au-
dience were as poor in numbers as
has often been the case when he
has brought musicians to the
Colony. We have not heard the
English Singers before but nearly
everyone has heard of them. They
specialise in very old English
songs, especially Elizabethan ones
and sing as they sit grouped
round a table, as was customary
350 years ago. They have had a
great success in Europe and
America and no doubt a good deal
of publicity matter regarding
them will appear in the press.
Booking opens at Moutrie's on
Monday, 3rd February.

Some of the *Telegraph* readers
will have noticed that an-
other impresario is in the
field: Mr. Podoli, who is
bringing out a pianist, some
negro singers, the wonderful
"Music from the Ether" instrument
with its leading exponent, and, last
but not least, the International
String Quartet. But with regard
to the pianist, E. Robert Schmitz,
who will be staying in Hongkong
between Feb. 28th and Feb. 29th,
en route from Java to the North,
Mr. Podoli informed the press that
as Hongkong has such a bad re-
putation among pianists, he did
not propose to arrange a recital
for him here. The Hongkong
Musical Society then got into touch
with Mr. Podoli, who said that he
would very much have liked to ar-
range a concert for Schmitz in
Hongkong, even if he made very
little on it, as it would give the
public a chance of recognising the
class of artists he was proposing to
bring here; but what he wished to
avoid was a financial loss—also he
didn't want Schmitz to have a poor
house. The Society guaranteed
that he would both make a profit
and have a good audience if the
piano recital were given at
5.30 in the afternoon, in the
relatively cheap St. Andrew's
Hall, with admission prices of \$3
and \$2 only. They are now wait-

DAY BY DAY.

PEOPLE DO NOT WORK WELL FOR
DARE NECESSITIES; THEY WORK WELL
FOR IDEALS, FOR ASPIRATIONS, FOR
COMFORT, YES, FOR LUXURIES.—Sir
Oliver Lodge.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from
Home, is due here at 6 a.m. on Mon-
day next.

Compared with yesterday, the
dollar declined a farthing at the
opening quotation this morning,
the demand rate being 1s.
6.13/16d.

Mrs. I. H. Othen will speak on
"Prayer—Its Uses and Misuses" to-
day at 6 p.m. at the usual weekly
public lecture of the Theosophical
Society (Hongkong Lodge).

The members of the League of
Nations Opium Commission have
gone to Macao, and will later visit
Canton. They will return to
Hongkong and stay a few days be-
fore leaving for Shanghai.

The police state that a warrant
has been issued for the arrest of
Wong Kee-ye, a salesman of the
Taitung Company, of 39 Queen's
Road Central, on a charge of em-
bezzlement involving a sum of \$270.

Five Chinese were each fined \$5
by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning for
causing cruelty to 35 pigs, which
were being transported on a motor
lorry by sitting on top of the
crates.

In imposing a fine of \$10 on a
shop-keeper of Pak Tai Road, Kow-
loon City, for displaying crackers
in a place other than under a
glass case, Mr. Whyte Smith, at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning,
remarked that the authorities
had to take precautions in the in-
terests of the public.

A fine of \$5 was imposed by Mr.
Whyte Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning on a
summons taken out against Mr.
Komor, of 3, Pratt Buildings, who
was accused of having allowed his
dog to be abroad without a muzz-
le. The defendant was stated by
his servant, who appeared, to be
in Shanghai.

After having been banished on
January 10 last, a Chinese, who
returned to the Colony almost im-
mediately afterwards, was taken
before Mr. Whyte Smith at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning
and sentenced to eight months'
hard labour and 15 strokes of the
birch. The defendant was banished
for a period of five years.

According to a police report
issued this morning, Mrs. Ngan
Wan, of Canton, alleges that she
has lost from a deposit box, at a
local Chinese bank, money and
jewellery to the value of \$1,870.
She states that she made the dis-
covery when she opened the box
the day before yesterday. The
police are investigating the report.

Arrested on a charge of attempt-
ing to snatch a sum of money
from a money-changer's shop in
Shanghai Street, a Chinese who
appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith
this morning, was sentenced to six
months' hard labour. On a charge
of returning from banishment,
having been deported for ten years
in 1927, the defendant was given
twelve months' hard labour, the
sentences to run concurrently.

Mr. R. K. Nariman, M.I.C.E., is
at present passing through the
Colony after having attended the
World Engineering Congress at
Tokyo. Since then, he has toured
Korea, Manchuria, Peking, Inner
Mongolia and Formosa, and is now
on his way to Singapore and
Ceylon. He was greatly impress-
ed with the fine work being done
by the International Famine Re-
lief Commission on the Yellow
River.

Ing to hear by wire whether
Schmitz has agreed to this, and,
if he does, the recital will prob-
ably take place on Friday Feb.
28th.

Of Schmitz it is only necessary
to state that he has as brilliant
record as any of the younger
school of pianists; he is not only
a wonderful pianist, but has given
hundreds of lecture-recitals, and
conducted an orchestra. Born in
1889, he did not take up the study
of violin or piano until he was
ten; in four years he was play-
ing both instruments in public
concerts. He went to America
in 1919 and in spite of the over-
crowding of the musical profes-
sion there, met with instant suc-
cess.

He plays a great deal of Bach,
Chopin, Debussy and modern
French music, and the Musical
Society have requested that
Schmitz shall give us one of his
programmes containing these
composers.

If Schmitz does give this recital
here on the conditions suggested,
we hope the whole of the musical
public will support it and show
Mr. Podoli that when reasonable
prices are charged we are not
such an impossible community
after all.

The Very Idea!

Confident that a movement away
from jazz "back to melody" will
prove not only commercially pro-
fitable but uplifting to the culture
of the American people, the Nation-
al Broadcasting Company has com-
bined with Mr. Carl Fischer and
Mr. Leo Feist, two of the leading
music publishers, to form the Radio
Music Company, which with a
capital of \$500,000 (£120,000) will
lead an extensive campaign to com-
bat "musical motifs born of fear,
hurry, and excitement" by provid-
ing in a higher form "the inspira-
tion we expect from music."

This "anti-jazz company" has
powerful connections with the
most important branches of the
entertainment business. The Na-
tional Broadcasting Company is a
subsidiary of the Radio Corpora-
tion of America, which is closely as-
sociated with the film industry
through the Radio Keith Orpheum
Corporation and with the gram-
ophone industry through the Victor
Radio Corporation. The board of
the new company includes Mr.
David Sharnoff, vice president of
the Radio Corporation, and Mr. S.
L. Rothman, controller of the
largest "picture palace" on Broad-
way.

A commercial traveller has to be
A hardy chap, it seems to me.
For certain folks on whom he'll
call

Will simply not see him at all
I think it is a trifle hard
That, when he's handed in his
card.

He gets no chance to "push" his
wares,
Because he gets pushed—down
the stairs!

Whilst some firms his advances
meet
By having him thrown in the
street!

That's why these travellers, thus
"shown out."
Are called "Knights of the Road,"
no doubt?

"So Joe took the will for the
deed?"
"Yes, he doesn't know one legal
document from another."

Pawnbroker at Tottenham: In
our profession we get a certain
amount of intuition and so I was
suspicious.

Wilkesden Magistrate: Once a
woman falls you, never give her an-
other trial.

Reverell at Marylebone: I was a
little jolly, but I make jolly little
these days.

Wife at Croydon: My husband
gave me a face you could hardly see
the shape of.

Chairman at Chertsey to wife:
You have no right to leave your
husband because he stayed out one
night.

A fond mother took her baby to
be photographed. The photograp-
her could not decide whether the
white bundle was a boy or girl, so,
to be on the safe side he called the
child "it." But to this the proud
young mother strongly objected.

"My baby is not an 'it,'" she said
indignantly.

"Well, madam," replied the
photographer, "if the child is not
an 'it,' is it a 'miss'?"

WHO WAS....

SIR ARCHY

MacSARCASM?

Miss Charlotte Goodchild,
the brewer's fair daughter,
felt extremely honoured when
she became the object of Sir
Archy MacSarcasm's amorous
attentions, for Sir Archy's
blood was bluest of the blue,
a fact on which he was never
tired of expatiating.

"In the house of MacSar-
casm," said he to his intend-
ed bride, "are two barons,
three viscounts, six earls, one
marquise, and two dukes,
besides baronets and ladies
oot of a reckoning."

Despite his so illustrious
family connexion, Sir Archy
was willing to wed a maid of
humbler origin, provided she
replenished the scantily
garished coffers of the house
of MacSarcasm. Hence his
courtship of Charlotte, whose
dowry was reported to be
large.

That it was her money alone
which he sought was made
abundantly clear to poor Char-
lotte when a false rumour got
about that her fortune had
vanished, and the knight hastily
withdrew his offer of mar-
riage, under the plea of "his
fine relatives' objections" to
the match.

A contemptible creature,
steeped in false pride, Sir
Archy richly deserved to lose
both the lass and her "shiner."
Sir Archy moves and has
his foolish being in a satiri-
cal eighteenth century comedy
entitled "Love in a Mode," the work
of a dramatist named Charles
Macklin.

THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT.

PRESENTATION MADE TO LADY CLEMENTI.

VIEWS OF HONGKONG.

Expressions of satisfaction at the progress made during the last year and of regret at the impending departure of their President, Lady Clementi, were made at the annual meeting of the Girl Guides' Association of Hongkong, held in the Helena May Institute this morning.

Lady Clementi, M.B.E., presided and after formal business had been transacted, she was presented by Mrs. Southorn, on behalf of the Association, with an artistically bound volume of Hongkong views.

Lady Clementi was supported on the platform by Mrs. Southorn (Commissioner of the G.G.A. of Hongkong), Mrs. R. M. Dyer (Treasurer) and Mrs. T. H. King (Minute Secretary).

Annual Report.

The annual report, which ran into a booklet of 23 printed pages was presented by Mrs. Southorn in which she stated:—The movement has consolidated considerably during the past year. We welcome heartily the formation of new Chinese companies and we hope that many Chinese girls will join the Training Class so that they may qualify to assist in forming new Companies and Packs. It is only through the whole-hearted co-operation of Chinese women and girls that we can make the Movement far-reaching in the Colony. The Chinese Guide can convey to her sisters the true meaning and aims of Guiding and disabuse the antagonistic or "enthusiastic" the indifferent.

Splendid and invaluable work in this direction has been achieved by Miss Esther Kotewall—herself a Guide, together with Miss Woo, M.B.E., a pioneer in Guiding among the Chinese. Miss Kotewall has translated the Tenderfoot and Second Class Tests into Chinese and has produced an admirable little book with illustrations. This has been published at Miss Kotewall's own expense. We are deeply indebted to her for this admirable piece of work.

A very healthy sign has been the co-operation of many ladies of various communities as Vice Presidents. It was my intention to ask these ladies to an informal discussion of our future plans, but this was impossible owing to my departure for home. I hope at some future time to carry out this idea, all being well. Meanwhile I thank them warmly for their readiness to assist in the Movement. And to all those who have helped so loyally and wholeheartedly in Guiding and Brownie work in every capacity I send my heartfelt thanks.

The report also dealt with the various activities of the Association during the past year, and included comprehensive general, Pack and Company notes.

Financial Aspect.

The statement of accounts was presented by Mrs. Dyer, who said the finances were in a most satisfactory condition, and she was glad to say that \$317 had been sent to the new Guides' Headquarters in England, and it was hoped that the local Association would be able to subscribe sufficient for a window or some part of the building.

In addressing the gathering, Mrs. Southorn said there was an increase in the number of members of the Association during last year from 272 to 340, and three new Brownie Packs and one new Guide Company was formed. It was not the quantity, however, that mattered so much as the quality and the Guiding spirit, which counted so much for development on the right lines. The movement had consolidated itself considerably and they welcomed most heartily the formation of new Chinese companies. They needed the whole-hearted co-operation of the Chinese community in order to achieve their aim in the Colony.

Gift Presented.

Mrs. Southorn then handed to Lady Clementi the gift of the Association, and, in the course of a brief address, said it was her unpleasant task to bid to Lady Clementi farewell on behalf of the Girl Guides' Association of Hongkong. Lady Clementi had taken a great interest in the Guide movement ever since her arrival and they thanked her for her support and encouragement, and hoped she would accept that book of Hongkong views, as a token of appreciation. They wished her and her Excellency health and happiness in Malaya and hoped that Lady Clementi would often think of them.

Lady Clementi Replies.

In acknowledgement of the gift, Lady Clementi said it was very kind of them to give her that little book and it would serve to remind

INDIAN SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.

FIVE SIGNS OF A GOOD EDUCATION.

MR. ARCULLI SPEAKS.

The importance of the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School in preparing Indian boys for the higher colleges and the University was stressed by Mr. A. Arculli when he distributed prizes at the annual prize-giving ceremony held at Soekunpoos this morning. Among those present were Mrs. Hamilton, Khan Sahib Nawab Kahn, A.S.P., Mr. and Mrs. Daswani and Mr. A. H. Madar.

On arrival, the visitors were shown through the school garden, in which the teachers and boys show much pride. Mr. A. Hamilton, the Headmaster, and Mr. B. B. Singh acting as guides and pointing out the many things of interest.

Before reading the annual report, Mr. Hamilton said that Mr. E. Ralphs, the Acting Director of Education, was unable to be present, as was also Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Inspector of English Schools, and owing to stress of work and illness, the other members of the Education Department who had expressed an intention to attend, were unable to come.

Mr. Arculli's Speech.

After the reading of the annual report, and the distribution of prizes, Mr. Arculli said:—The annual reports of the School's progress in recent years have been very gratifying to its supporters, and well-wishers and the latest report just read by the Headmaster is no exception. It shows that the high standard of work set up by the late Mr. Birbeck, carried on by Mr. Sutherland and kept up by Mr. B. B. Singh, is being ably continued by Mr. Hamilton. This School fulfils an important function. It prepares Indian boys for the higher schools and the University. It lays the foundation upon which a good English education is built, and just as it is important in laying the foundation of a house, to know what sort of building is contemplated, so it is necessary for you boys to know the essentials of the English education you seek.

Five Points.

To give you an idea of those essentials, I cannot do better than repeat what an eminent scholar once said were the five signs of a good English education. The first is the correct and proper use of the English language, that is to say, the proper choice of words and the correct observance of grammar, accent and pronunciation. The second are culture and refined manners. These are the outcome of the discipline, self-respect, and respect for others which you acquire in school. The third is the power and habit of reflection, that is to say, the ability and habit of thinking out things for yourselves, to analyse in your own minds the cause and effects of matters in general and to reason out the whys and wherefores of your successes and failures. The fourth is the power to develop your brains and minds so that they may not rust or stagnate, but may grow stronger.

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her of her dear, dear Hongkong. She would carry away with her many happy thoughts of Hongkong, but some of the happiest would be her connexion with the Guide movement. When she came here four years ago, just after the great strike, which was borne with such wonderful courage and determination by everybody, the Guide movement had naturally become slightly disorganised, but it had since made great progress. She thought this was largely due to the fact that those connected with the movement were permanent residents in the Colony. The movement was backed up by people whose homes were in Hongkong, and she could look forward to the time when it would become a very great, influential and big movement here.

A Suggestion.

They were extremely fortunate, said in Lady Clementi, in having as their Commissioner, Mrs. Southorn, for she was an inspiration. Lady Clementi went on to say that she thought it would be very nice if they could have a corresponding Secretary in Singapore. Lady Lampson, whose illness they all so very much deplored, had suggested to her that they should have a Corresponding Commissioner in Peking, and she hoped that something like that might be arranged later. It was a great comfort to her that the geographical position of Singapore was such that she felt she was bound to hear what they were doing in Hongkong.

Mrs. Southorn said that she thought the suggestion by Lady Clementi to have a Corresponding Commissioner or Secretary in Singapore and Peking was an excellent idea.

CANTON GOVERNOR THOSE NEW YEAR ARRIVES.

BIG PARTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO-NIGHT.

A HEARTY WELCOME.

General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, accompanied by Madame Chan and party, arrived at Kowloon by special train soon after 11 o'clock this morning, being on a visit to bid farewell to H.E. the Governor of Hongkong, and also to participate in the launching of the new steamer Tahan at Talkoo Dockyard this afternoon.

On arrival, the party was met by Capt. Sillitoe, A.D.C., and subsequently General Chan was entertained to dinner at the Peninsula Hotel by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. At 2 p.m., General Chan visited Government House, where he had a brief chat with H.E. the Governor before the latter attended the meeting of the Legislative Council called for this afternoon.

Later this afternoon, General Chan is proceeding to Talkoo for the launching ceremony, being accompanied by members of his party, in charge of Mr. Mok Kan-sang, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's commodore.

Subsequently, the Canton visitors will return to Government House, where a big party is being given to-night at which leading members of the Chinese community will meet the General. There will be, in all, about 30 guests.

The members of General Chan's party comprise the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Lam Wan-kol, who has now taken over foreign affairs under the new system instituted on January 1st; Mr. C. Y. Yeung, adviser to the Mayor on foreign affairs, and Mrs. Yeung; General Au Yeung-kui, Chief of Police, and Mrs. Au Yeung; Mrs. Chan Chak; Captain Lien Yung-kao and Captain Y. W. Liu, Naval Staff Officers; and Engineer Commander Fung.

Amongst others who were on the station platform to welcome the visitors this morning were the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wu Hay-tong, and Mr. Chau Min-shu.

WIDOW OF DEMOCRAT LEADER.

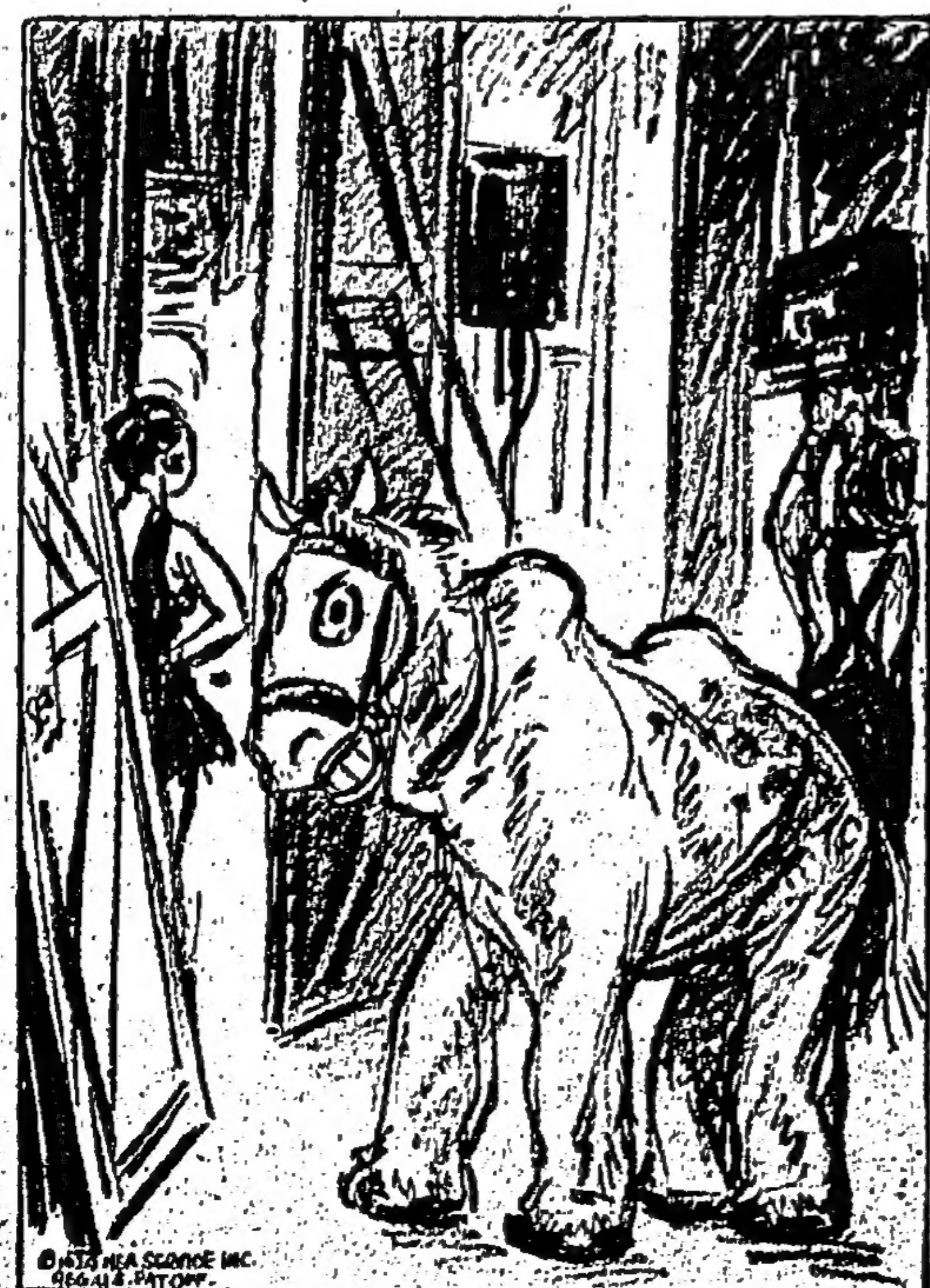
DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Hollywood, Jan. 22. The death has occurred of Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, widow of the late Democrat leader. Mr. Bryan, who several times stood as Democrat nominee for the Presidency, died in 1925. His widow, whose death is now reported, was formerly Miss Mary Elizabeth Baird, of Perry, Illinois. They were married in 1884.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPANESE ROYAL WEDDING.

PRINCE TAKAMATSU'S MARRIAGE.

Tokyo, Jan. 23. It is officially announced that the wedding of Prince Takamatsu and Kikuko Tokugawa, the granddaughter of the late Shogun, will take place on February 4.—*Reuter.*



"All right then, we're quits. You go your way and I'll go mine."

THOSE NEW YEAR PRIVILEGES.

MORE HAWKERS BEFORE THE KOWLOON COURT.

BENCH WARNINGS.

The question of the granting of special concessions to hawkers during the Chinese New Year holidays was again mentioned in cases brought Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A young Chinese appeared before his Worship on a charge of hawking without a licence, and, when he pleaded New Year privileges, his Worship, on behalf of the Bench, informed that he had been previously convicted for a similar offence, remarked that the defendant seemed to be one of those who did not wait for the Chinese New Year, but hawked at any time without a licence. He had to understand that when the Chinese New Year holidays were over, he would have to stop.

The defendant replied that he was lame and asked to be recommended for a licence.

Sergeant Barnicle intimated that he would make enquiries into the defendant's circumstances.

The defendant was cautioned. On a charge of obstruction being mentioned against a hawker, his Worship asked if the locality where the defendant was arrested was a spot where hawkers were allowed to squat during the Chinese New Year.

Sergeant Barnicle replied in the negative and intimated that the defendant had been warned to move on, but had refused.

Addressing the defendant, his Worship said that hawkers must not imagine that just because of the New Year they could do anything they liked. The defendant should have moved away when warned by the police.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$1.

When a Chinese appeared on a charge of gambling on a principle similar to the "lucky dip," his Worship said that he would like to know how far such games were allowed at this time of the year.

Sergeant Barnicle replied that street gambling would not be allowed at all.

A demonstration of the game as played by the defendant was given, and his Worship intimated that it was entirely a game of chance, and, as such, constituted gambling.

The defendant was cautioned.

U.S. DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

CHANGES OF MINISTERS PROPOSED.

Washington, Jan. 22. President Hoover has recommended to the Senate the appointment of Mr. Edward Everett Brodie, former Minister to Siam, as Minister to Finland.

He has also nominated Mr. Alexander P. Moore, Minister to Peru, as Ambassador to Poland.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Mr. Brodie, who is well-known in American newspaper circles, was Minister to Siam from 1921 until some little time ago. Mr. Moore, like Mr. Brodie, is also prominent U. S. newspaperman. He was formerly Ambassador to Spain.]

U.S. PROHIBITION MACHINERY.

SUGGESTED TRANSFER TO DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

TREASURER'S PLAN.

New York, Jan. 22.

Giving evidence before the Congressional Committee, Mr. Andrew Mellon, Government Treasurer, recommended the transfer of the whole of the machinery for the enforcement of Prohibition from the Treasury to the Department of Justice.

This development follows the recent issuing of the preliminary report of the National Commission of Law Observance and Enforcement, which recommended the immediate strengthening of the Prohibition law, "if on no other grounds than to give the law a fair trial."

The Commission said that it was impossible wholly to separate the observance of the Prohibition Act from the large question of the views and habits of the American people, in respect of their private judgment regarding the regulations affecting their conduct.

The Commission proposed the transference of the Prohibition administration from the Treasury to the Department of Justice; a modification of the Prohibition law; more effective legislation relating to the ownership of property used in the manufacture and sale of illicit liquor; and speedier legal proceedings.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Currency Problem.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It is to be deplored that we have no one in this Colony, with the exception perhaps of "Observer," who is capable of putting up a little intelligent opposition to the "Kowloon Emergency Currency Advisory Committee's" new financial policy.

"Cynicus" is certainly doing his best, but surely he can go a little further than pouncing upon what appears to him to be a flat contradiction in one of my letters. I suppose I am now called upon to clear up his little difficulty.

"We wisely decided upon a moratorium" With this, I think, "Cynicus" will agree.

"British industries are now being crippled by taxation to cover the £7,000 million war debt—the result of the 1914 moratorium."

I drew "Political Economist's" attention to this point in order to emphasize the fact that a commodity basis was capable of bringing along something more than "babies bottles, tins of tomatoes," etc. Does it suggest that we were unwise in declaring a moratorium? It certainly attributes the debt to it, but "Cynicus" overlooks what would have happened had the moratorium not been declared—financial chaos at the outset of a four years' war.

"Bedlam" happens to be a more formidable opponent to financial evolution. He is admittedly humorous, and it is a remarkable fact that, to the mob, the most vital of life's problems can be rendered comparatively unimportant when subject to the professional comedian's inanity.

"Bedlam," to my way of thinking, has a "tissue paper" intellect. He was born "mid-level," where the real hardships that a slumping exchange entails to the wage-earner are unknown quantities. He has no incentive to take life seriously and spends his spare time in absorbing Emerson on the surprising effect of contrast between the sublime and the ridiculous, so that he may pat himself on the back when his feeble attempts at these contrasts succeed in evoking an outburst of childish hilarity.

I should advise him to rescue his mountebank feats for social evenings. The Advisory Committee has set itself out to revolutionise national and international finance not only here in Hongkong but throughout the world, with a view to the uplift of humanity, and there is no place for the idle vapourings of the "Bedlams" of society in its controversies.—*Yours, etc., ONLOOKER.*

Secretary, K.E.C.A.C. Kowloon, Jan. 22nd, 1930.

The Commissioner of Chinese Customs for Kowloon and District, advises that the offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on January 30, 31 and February 1.

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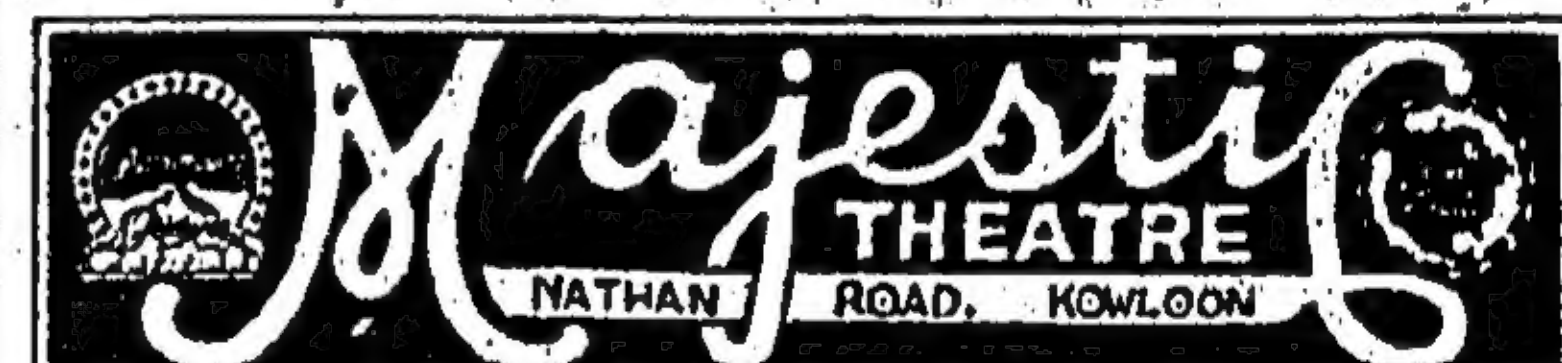
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The Canton News Agency reports that Colonel Kam Yip-man, who had interviewed the Hong Kong Government lately relative to the suppression of pirates in

Blue Bay, left Hongkong by the gunboat Man Seng on the 18th for Swatow, and after his return to Canton it is expected that drastic steps will be taken to deal with the pirates.

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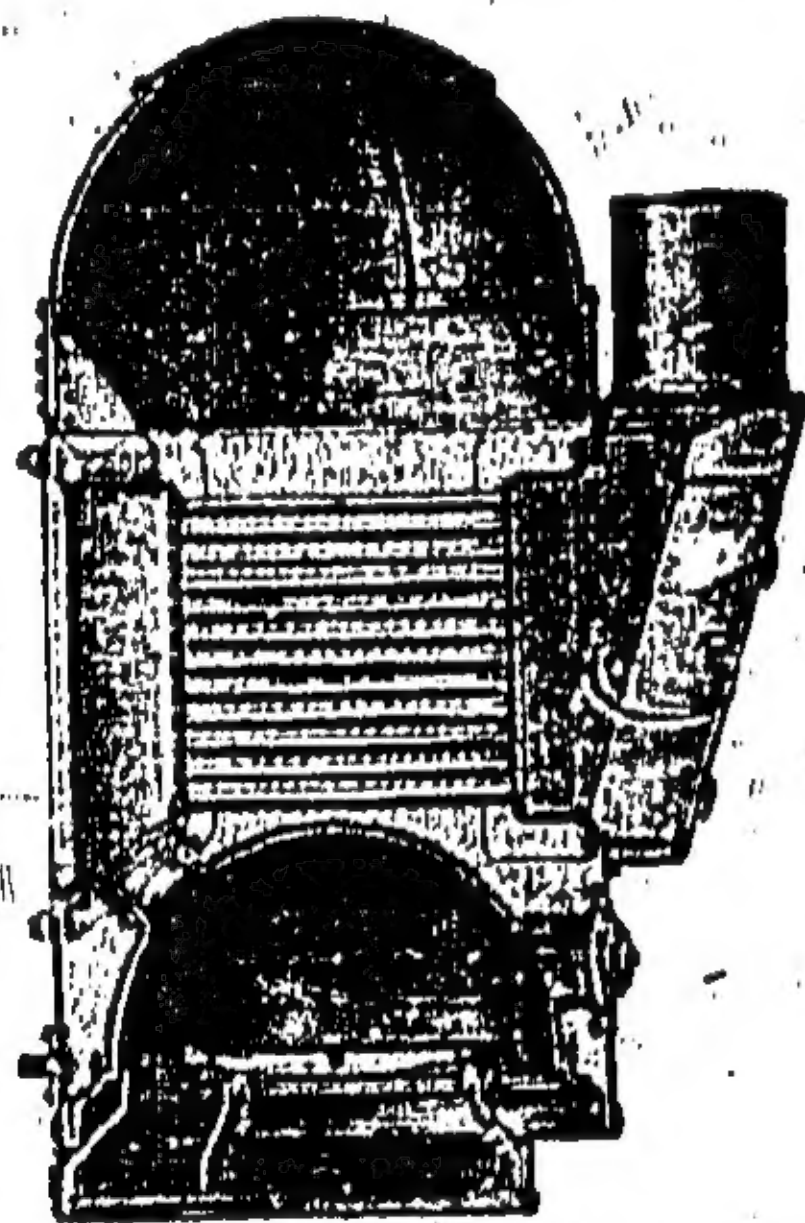
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CIGARS**THE COLONY'S TRIBUTE
TO GOVERNOR.****PRESENTATION OF FAREWELL
ADDRESSES.****LADY CLEMENTI'S WORK.**

On the lawn of the Hongkong Cricket Club, before a gaily decorated pavilion and surrounded by flag-bedecked marquees, the European and Chinese community of Hongkong bade their official farewell to H.E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Lady Clementi, yesterday afternoon, when illuminated addresses and gifts were presented.

The scene was, in many ways, a memorable one and the principal features of the function were the eulogistic speeches of Sir Henry Pollock, who made the presentation on behalf of the European residents, and Sir Shouson Chow, who spoke on behalf of the Chinese community. Both made appreciative references to the magnificent Governorship of Sir Cecil and the unfailing support given by Lady Clementi to all social and colonial organisations in Hongkong.

Special stress was laid in both addresses on the great services His Excellency had rendered in the promotion of friendly relations between Hongkong and Canton, and his keen interest in the problem of improving the water supply of the Colony.

Replying on behalf of himself and Lady Clementi, His Excellency expressed his regret at leaving Hongkong where the happiest days of their lives had been spent. He reviewed the great progress which had been made in the Colony since he first came thirty years ago, and envisaged a still greater future for the foremost shipping port of the Far East.

The Hongkong Cricket ground presented an animated scene, with the pavilion artistically arrayed in flags and bunting. Flags were strung across the roof of the building, and at the main entrance was suspended the Union Jack, set off with palms around the entrance steps.

The balcony was also gaily hung with vivid coloured bunting, and palms, and pot plants were placed in front of and also on the steps leading from the cricket ground. A red carpet was laid from the main entrance in Chater Road through to the front of the pavilion, where were displayed the illuminated addresses and gifts to be presented to His Excellency and Her Ladyship.

On the ground itself groups of both the European and Chinese communities mingled and fraternised, whilst many tea tables were also occupied. Around them were arranged marquees very gaily decorated with flags and streamers, and nearby was the full band and kilted pipers and drums of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, under the direction of Mr. Fitz-Earle.

As the hosts of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi arrived, the Pipers and drums entertained them with martial music and fancy marching, whilst the entry of H.E., accompanied by Lady Clementi, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, was signalled with a fanfare by the trumpeters, followed by the playing of the National Anthem by the full band.

ADDRESS PRESENTED.**Tribute From British and Foreign Communities.**

The address from the British and Foreign communities of Hongkong was read by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Senior Unofficial member of the Legislative Council. A beautiful work of art, the lettering on the illuminated address was engraved by hand in old English characters, under the supervision of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. Accompanying the address was a complete list of signatures of all subscribers. The portfolio, in which it was contained, was a magnificent piece of work, of highly polished blackwood, with the Colony's crest in embossed silver in the middle and fitted with silver hinges. The interior was lined with beautiful white silk. This work was carried out by the firm of Lok King and exhibited a high standard of craftsmanship.

The address was as follows:—
To—His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice Admiral of the same.

Your Excellency—We, being members of the British and Foreign communities of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, avail ourselves of the opportunity presented by Your Excellency's approaching departure from this Colony, to express in this manner the sentiments of esteem and respect which we entertain for your character and administrative abilities.

Your Excellency arrived here on the 2nd November, 1925, having been appointed by His Majesty the King to assume the Governorship of this Colony.

Your arrival was not the advent of a stranger to us, but of one who had already spent many years in the service of the Colony; your early experience of Colonial administration having been wholly gained here. As you yourself then said:

"It is here that I was initiated into the work of Colonial Administration and it is here that I married. Every hill and valley, stream and inlet in this beautiful Colony were well known to me in the old days."

On your Excellency's return you found the Colony labouring under exceptional difficulties: its finances were suffering from a state of depression never before equalled in the annals of our history; it appeared to be surrounded by foes on every side, desiring by every possible means to bring about the destruction of organised government.

Due to your untiring energy, broad outlook and diplomatic capacity in dealing with the situation, you slowly but surely piloted the Colony through the turbulent waters in which you found it into the calmer and more satisfactory position in which you now leave it.

Your efforts in the direction of combating the enmity created by, and fostered under, external influences were crowned with success when in March, 1928, friendly official visits were exchanged between Your Excellency and His Excellency Marshal Li Chai Sum, thereby restoring the friendly relations which had formerly long existed between this Colony and neighbouring provinces of China. From then onwards mutual confidence and goodwill developed and the trade and general prosperity of the Colony have continued to progress.

Synchronising with these events, Your Excellency received a complimentary visit from the First Battle Squadron of His Imperial Highness the Emperor of Japan, thereby giving a practical demonstration of the amicable relations subsisting and happily still existing between this Colony and the neighbouring Japanese Empire.

Owing to the depressed condition of the Colony's finances during the greater part of your Governorship it has been impossible to enter upon large and expensive schemes of improvement. Your Excellency's energies being principally directed towards conserving the diminished resources of the Colony and gradually re-establishing its financial and trade prosperity; but nevertheless a number of progressive measures have been identified with your regime.

You have given particular attention to Education and the fruits of your endeavours will long be appreciated.

The establishment of the Language School at the University of Hong Kong will be permanently associated with your name and the general support which you have given to the University will long be remembered. In particular the Colony will have reason to be grateful for your constant and studious championing of the claims of the University to a substantial allocation of a portion of the Boxer Indemnity moneys.

Our water problems have received your special attention and after mature consideration, you have given your staunch support to the Shing-mun water project and you are largely responsible for the Aberdeen Reservoir.

Your departure will, we hope, coincide with the completion of the pipe line across the Harbour, thereby enabling a plentiful supply of water to be brought from the Mainland to the Island, and thus providing a substantial amelioration of the conditions of life in the Colony.

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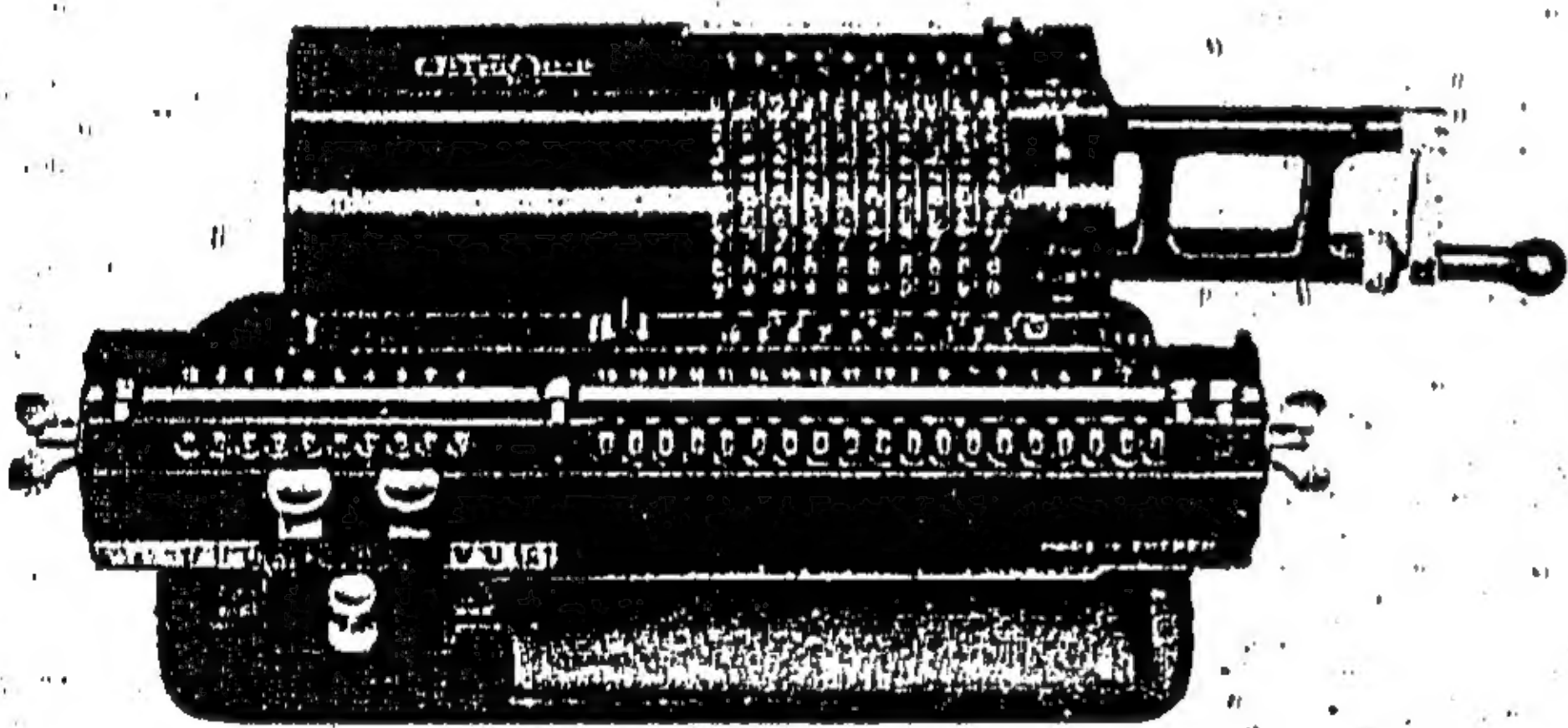
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During your administration you have adopted the policy of paying for large public works by means of local loans, thus freeing current revenue for necessary improvements of smaller magnitude.

It is a matter for the greatest regret that you should be leaving us before you have been able to bring to fruition the many schemes you have either commenced or have in contemplation.

In connexion with the constitution of this Colony, Your Excellency's name will be associated with the appointment of two additional unofficial members to the Legislative Council which met with general approval.

During your administration, you have exerted your personal influence towards fostering amicable relations between all sections of the community, and in this respect also you have been signally successful.

You are now about to leave us to assume, at the command of His Majesty the King, the Governorship of the Straits Settlements and the High Commissionership of the Federated Malay States in which respect you are following in the footsteps of your esteemed uncle, Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, who also rendered signal services in Colonial administration and spent many years of his Official life in this Colony.

It may not be out of place here to record that, prior to the news of Your Excellency's new appointment being received in this Colony, it had been decided to ask His Majesty the King to be so gracious as to reappoint you for a further period as Governor of this Colony.

In conclusion, we desire to express our heartfelt regret at your departure, and we look forward to your continuing and completing a long career of public usefulness and greater distinction in the service of His Majesty, which will always be followed by us with the keenest interest. In expressing our good wishes we desire to include also Lady Clementi, who has interested herself in the Girl Guides and many other matters of public interest.

This 22nd day of January, 1930. Upon the conclusion of this speech, Sir Henry handed to His Excellency the illuminated address from the European Community of the Colony.

THE CHINESE ADDRESS.

Restoration of Friendly Relations with Canton.

The farewell address presented to His Excellency the Governor by representatives of the Chinese community of Hongkong, was read by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow as follows:

"He who is eminent in learning should apply himself to the service of the State." Thus has said a sage of old. Another has declared: "It is only from a ruler who cannot bear the sufferings of the people that benevolent government can flow."

For by the learned alone can the people be instructed; and only by the ruler who cannot bear to see sufferings, can the people be cared for. These are the qualities which go to make a virtuous official, and constitute the foundation of ordered government. But recent history records few men with such attributes—attributes with which Your Excellency is richly endowed.

In your youth, Sir, you were already renowned for your erudition. Steeped in Chinese literature, you published the result of your studies to the world.

You began your official career in this Colony as a Cadet Officer. Sympathetic and friendly, sincere and open, you have always found pleasure in association with the Chinese. During the stirring days of the Boxer trouble, the finger of accusation was pointed at China by many foreigners. But Your Excellency was heard to say that the Chinese people, being of a race rich in a culture and civilisation no whit inferior to those of the West, could become a strong nation, with the ease of a turn of the palm, if they would but set their heart to the task. It was prophesied by those who heard these sympathetic words: "Given the opportunity, this man will easily bring about cordial relationship with China."

You, Sir, were in office in Hongkong for fourteen years. Becoming successively Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and Officer in the New Territories, and Assistant Colonial Secretary, you filled each post with rare administrative ability and distinction.

You were subsequently promoted to be Colonial Secretary of British Guiana, and thence you were transferred to Ceylon in the same capacity.

Twelve years thus elapsed. Just as, in the days of old, it was

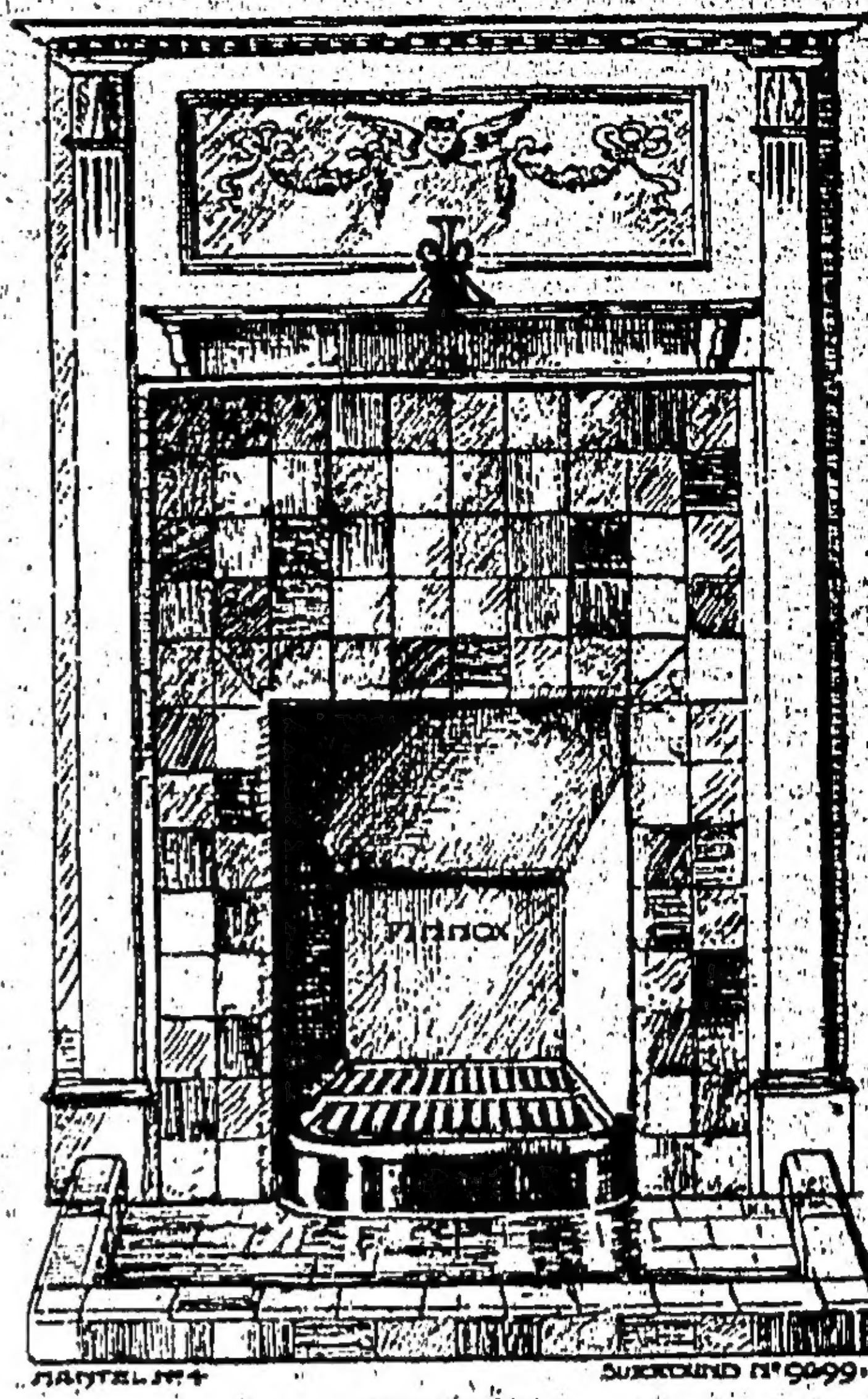
not possible to forgo the "red-horned calf" in sacrificial offerings to the Hills and the Streams, so it was not possible for Hongkong to be without your guiding hand. In the summer of 1925 labour trouble broke out with the fierceness of a tempestuous sea. The Communists took advantage of the situation to create disturbance, as a raging fire is fanned, or an agitated sea is lashed by the wind. The markets and marts were in a state of panic. Many forsook their occupations and migrated elsewhere. In those critical days the bond between Hongkong and Canton, which are to each other as the lips are to the teeth, was sustained as by a fraying thread. The Government of Great Britain, realising that our neighbour must not be allowed to drift yet farther away from us, that Communism must not be suffered to extend its pernicious influence, and that the livelihood of the people must not be jeopardised, turned to Your Excellency as the one man capable of restoring sound conditions. You were accordingly appointed to be Governor of Hongkong.

Immediately upon your arrival in the Colony you made it your first aim and your paramount duty to promote amity with Canton; and you particularly bent your efforts to removing racial distinction. All sections of the community emulated this high example, with the result that their relationship with each other improved as the days went by. You were liberal in your policy, and yet trenchery and villainy have found in the Colony no fertile soil wherein to germinate.

When Canton made an effort to rid itself of Communism, Your Excellency strove hard for better relations between the two places. With a frank and open heart the two Governments sent messengers to each other, and this resulted in a complete mutual understanding by the Winter of 1927. It was said of old: "Solemn in his robe of office, without exhibiting the slightest sign of emotion, he can bring to the people a peace as lasting as Mount Tai." May not these words be aptly applied to Your Excellency?

With the restoration of communications, peace once more reigned. But the promotion of Chinese studies in the Colony was languishing, and it was felt that this defect was not conducive to the people's enlightenment. Therefore Your Excellency called together the people to discuss with them the problem; and, as the result, you founded a Chinese School in the University of Hongkong for promoting the higher study of Chinese literature. You also established a class for teaching Cadets Chinese to enable them to acquire a substantial knowledge of the language. In this way, the spirit of the students of Chinese has undergone a profound

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is to bring to light the vast difference between good and inefficient government. The laws of Heaven towards man are immutable; those who can gain the heart of the people can gain the favours of Heaven.

In the Spring of the year 1929 a severe drought afflicted the Colony, nearly drying up the reservoirs. The people obtained their water in streets, and in the streets they sat in wait for the precious fluid till dawn. Your Excellency lost no time in appropriating public funds for relief work. You caused water-tanks to be built in various places, and water to be brought from Chinese territory to Hongkong to supply the needs of the residents; you also obtained from His Majesty's Government authority to expend a large sum of money on the Shing Mun Scheme so that the people would be ensured a permanent supply of water. In the critical days of the drought your anxiety was grievous, and your sorrow deep. Repose was not yours even in the moments of rest and sleep. Standing one day beside the Tatum Reservoir you were heard to remark: "The people cannot subsist without water or fire; but, alas, the danger is upon them now! How can this be endured?" But the intense feeling of sincerity can reach Heaven. Thus it was that the great scholar-statesman Han Chang-wei was able to scatter the clouds at Mount Heng; thus it was, also, that Prince Tai of Yen wrought the miracle of turning back the mid-day Sun. In Autumn, in the seventh Moon of the year, torrential rains fell in the Colony; and the sufferings of the people came to an end. It was only then that happiness was again seen on Your Excellency's countenance. You must have felt as if you had literally laid down an ungrateful burden. Of a verity, "the benevolent ruler in ahead of the world in its sorrows, and behind it in its joys."

In the Winter of the same year His Majesty's Government decreed your promotion to the Governorship of Malaya. When your friends and colleagues proffered Your Excellency their congratulations, you sorrowfully said that higher preferment and a larger stipend would not compensate for the parting from your friends here.

We, the Chinese residents of the Colony, feel as if we are about to lose our mainstay. We, one and all, supporting the old and leading the young, have clung to the shafts of your carriage, and have lain across your path. But your going could not be stayed. Even so Shipa Lu-chi was transferred to the governance of Shuechow, and Li Cheng-yeh eventually left the South of Kwolchow. From the days of old virtuous officials have had to go from place to place to give the people the boon of their beneficent administration.

For eighteen years Your Excellency has conferred benefits on us, the people; and has completed many constructive schemes. The Sun and the Moon shed their light on the remotest place; nevertheless, being nearer to them, the inhabitants of Fu Sang and of the Kun Lun Mountain receive from them a greater radiance. In this wise we have been fortunate in having Your Excellency actually with us.

And now Your Excellency is leaving us. We, the Chinese Community of Hongkong, with all earnestness, offer you in token of our respect, this Ode of Praise.

Kind and urbane is the Ruler, Profound in learning and vigorous in memory; From Europe he came to Asia, And to befriend the Chinese was his principle.

When the labour troubles surged up, He well knew whence they arose; By amity with the neighbouring provinces, There was established a settled state of trade and commerce.

His encouragement of the places of learning, Has greatly stimulated the pursuit of letters; That the decay of literature has been stayed.

Whose but his is the credit? When the spectre of drought menaced, From morn to night he toiled, Until his abounding virtue was rewarded by Heaven, And the floods descended from on high.

For four years has he governed, His virtue is felt far and near; Now he has received the Royal behest.

To assume office in Malaya, The multitudes block the way, But His Excellency may not remain.

How are we to bid our dutiful farewell? The hundred blessings be our wish!

From the Chinese Community of Hongkong.

This Auspicious Day of January, 1930.

The address was translated into English by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

LADIES' TRIBUTES.

Cordial Wishes for Future Happiness.

Sir Shou-son Chow was followed by Lady Pollock who presented to Lady Clementi an illuminated address, signed by the Council and Committee Members of the Helena May Institute. It was in portfolio form, the cover being gold and cream brocade lined with cream satin and bound with a silk cord to match. The address was engrossed on vellum, with the initial letters "P.C." in colours, and read:

Lady Clementi, O.B.E. "On the occasion of your departure we your co-workers on various organisations in Hongkong, tender our most sincere and cordial wishes for your happiness in the Colony to which you are proceeding."

"We can well imagine that new interests will arise in Malaya, but we are confident that Hongkong must always hold a high place in your affections."

"On your arrival here in 1925 it was not as a stranger that you were welcomed, by this community, for you were a member of it both before and after your marriage. You were returning to scenes of your married life."

"We remember the pleasure you expressed at renewing acquaintance with this beautiful island of which you had preserved so vivid and happy a recollection."

The address closed with an endorsement of these sentiments by the Naval and Military Canteen workers and the Girl Guides of Hongkong, wishing Lady Clementi "God Speed."

Views of Hongkong.

Apart from the address, the Girl Guides of Hongkong presented to Lady Clementi a beautiful book of views of Hongkong with a short history of the Colony. This was bound in black

silk and half bound in calf leather with ornamental Chinese silk tassels, the inscription being in Chinese and English.

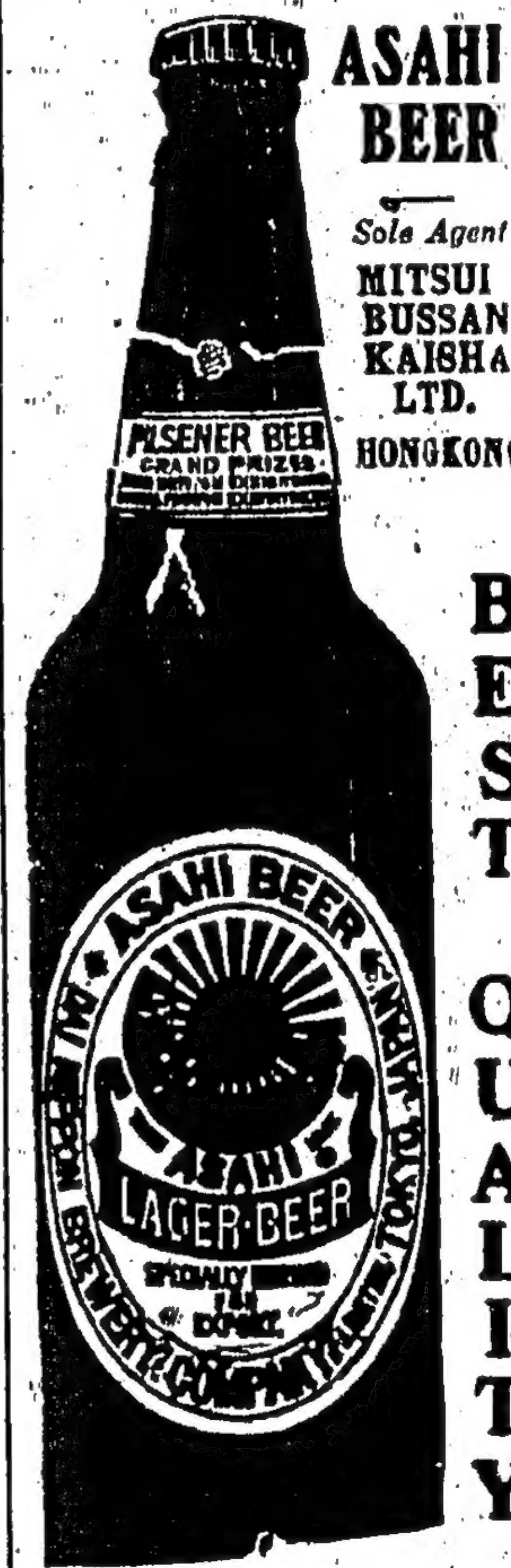
Lady Shou-son Chow then presented to Lady Clementi a gift on behalf of the Chinese ladies of the Colony, which took the form of a jade necklace, whilst other gifts to Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi from the Chinese residents were Chinese ceremonial banner and a beautifully carved blackwood screen.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Progress of Colony in Last Thirty Years.

His Excellency the Governor, in replying to the addresses, said: I value very highly the beautiful addresses which you have presented to me. I shall always treasure them; but I am even more deeply affected by the knowledge that you wished to retain me among you for a longer period and that you share the sorrow which I feel at leaving you. On the day when I landed here as Governor I asked that the kindness, which was given me so generously during my earlier service in Hongkong, might be accorded to me in even fuller measure, seeing that my responsibilities had so greatly increased. Your welcome at that time was an immense encouragement to me; and to-day, on the eve of bidding farewell—as I fear forever—to this Colony, which I love, I cannot find words to express adequately my gratitude for the unfailing help and sympathy, and indeed the friendship and affection, which has encompassed and sustained me throughout my life among you. It is, not only my brother cadets, my colleagues, official and unofficial, in

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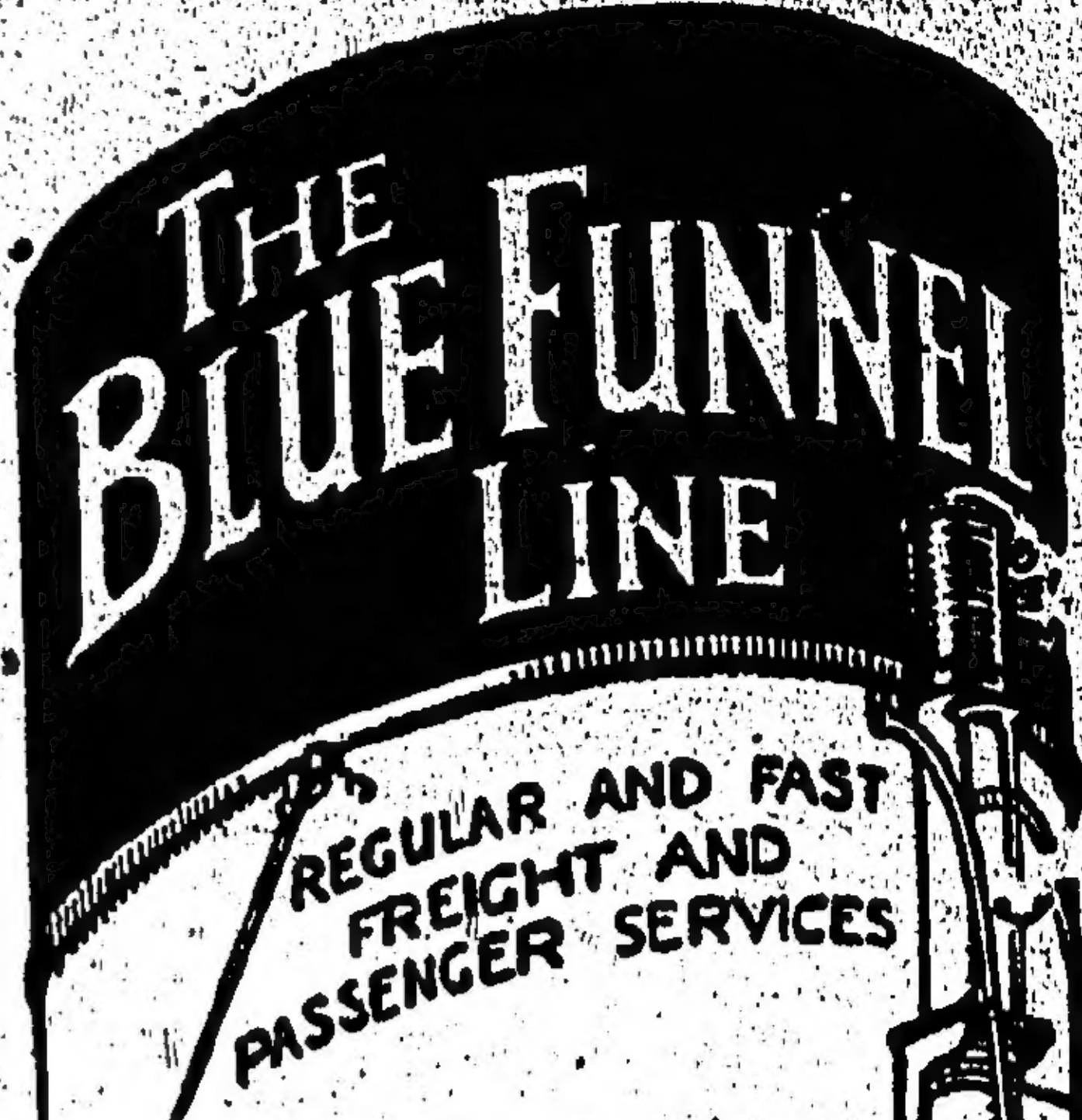
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